

New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling  
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes  
April 12, 2018

Present: Ed Talbot, Dot Duda, Debi LaPlante (via telephone), Maura McCann, Heather Gray, Ginger Ross, Cary Gladstone.

The meeting was called to order by President Duda at 12:08 PM.

The minutes of the February 1, 2018 meeting were presented. A motion was made by Ed Talbot to accept the minutes as presented and seconded by Ginger Ross. Minutes were accepted unanimously.

President's Report: Dot Duda brought up discussion from the MASS Council on Problem Gambling and the New England Consortium on having the northeast states (ME, NH, VT, MA, RI, CT and NY) more or less recognized as a regional group than the current individual states/councils. Ed Talbot reported hearing similar information on this. New Hampshire would like to continue on growing the council here as we are relatively new while Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island are more seasoned councils. Ed will respond, letting them know where we are with our council and to provide us with updates on the "regional" idea.

Maura McCann will reach out to her contacts at the Vermont and Maine Lotteries to inquire if they have heard any type of bringing the councils under a regional umbrella.

Treasurer's Report: Ed Talbot presented as Peter Duda was not able to attend today's meeting. The budget balance was \$25,679.67 as of December 20, 2017. After expenses, the balance as of April 1, 2018 is \$15,401.93.

Director's Report: Ed Talbot reported on his meetings with Marty Boldin (advisor to Governor Sununu on Addictions & Behavioral Health) and Amy Pepin (Project Director, Senior Consultant NH Community Health Institute, JSI Research & Training).

Screening Day that was to be held statewide here in New Hampshire was curtailed by a severe winter storm in the state that day.

Ed made two presentations to Whitefield Recovery Coach Academy as well as Nashua Recovery Coach Academy.

Lastly, Ed has requested a grant through the NH Charitable Foundation. The requested amount is slightly less than \$5,000.

There was discussion as to the money earmarked from KENO 603 sales had been provided to DHHS. At this time, the money is still with the NH Lottery. DHHS has just sent up an account to receive it, etc. The amount is approximately \$25,000.

The 5-Year Strategic Plan was discussed and the need to get this project underway. Ed suggested reaching out to Kathy Scanlon who was an integral part of the Massachusetts Council on Problem Gambling and inquire about sharing their plan with us as well as asking Kathy about assisting in writing our council's plan. It is important to ask key stakeholders here in New Hampshire to be a part of that discussion regarding the plan.

Discussion then ensued regarding a type of New Hampshire certification for a licensed clinician to treat problem gambling. The certificate would be the “New Hampshire Problem Gambling Certification”. There are Problem Gambling Specialists in Massachusetts who see patients and are reimbursed for that work. The Massachusetts Problem Gambling Council has a 30 hour curriculum. Most insurances accept such treatment – which may fall under addiction. We’d like to make a New Hampshire certificate part of our strategic plan.

Cary Gladstone from 2-1-1 NH provided an overview of 2-1-1 NH.

All 50 states have a 2-1-1 system for social services. It is toll-free and offers a whole host of services. Their staff consists of 4 full-time and one part-time person. Calls to 2-1-1 are anonymous and the caller is provided with 3 to 4 resources to resolve their issue. The service will be celebrating their 10 year anniversary in June. Last fall, their 1 millionth client was served.

2-1-1 NH is funded by the United Way. They have a database of over 5,000 programs and services.

Of the 40,000 calls received during the year, more than 9,000 are tax issues/questions – their number one call reason.

The council would like to explore working further with 2-1-1 NH.

A motion was made by Ed Talbot to adjourn the meeting at 1:30 PM. The motion was seconded by Maura McCann and voted by the group affirmatively.

The next meeting of the Board will be June 20, 2018 at the Lottery Headquarters in Concord NH.

Respectfully submitted,

Maura McCann  
Vice President  
New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling