

New Hampshire Council for Responsible Gambling
Commissioners' Meeting Minutes
December 29, 2021 1:00 PM

Present: Chairman Maura McCann, Commissioner Ed Talbot, Commissioner Dot Duda, Commissioner Debi LaPlante, Commissioner Heather Gray, April Arel (New Futures VP of Finance & Operations), Abigail Shockley (Consultant to the New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling)

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McCann at 1:02pm. The meeting was televised by Microsoft Teams.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 15, 2021 MEETING

Motion was made by Chairman McCann to approve the minutes of the September 15, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Talbot moved the motion and Commissioner LaPlante seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

2. REPORT BY MS. ABIGAIL SHOCKLEY/MS. APRIL AREL

Consultant Abigail Shockley presented on the NHCPG's 1- and 3-year implementation and strategic plans. These plans focus on NHCPG capacity building; goals include statewide communication/marketing of the NHCPG as a separate, private non-profit; diversifying funding streams; and personnel updates. The Commissioners endorsed the plan to hire a Program Manager to advance all aspects of the RFP Scope of Work, with Mr. Talbot and Ms. Duda (in their roles on the NHCPG) moving to consultant positions. Ms. Shockley presented draft revisions to the RFP budget to reflect these strategic goals. On behalf of New Futures, Ms. Arel provided more detail about the planned communication and other capacity building work and budget.

3. REPORT BY THE COUNCIL OF PROBLEM GAMBLING (NHCPG)

Commissioner Talbot provided the NHCPG Treasurer's Report, Activities Report, and Helpline Call report. Commissioners discussed these reports.

4. REVIEW OF EXPENDITURES FOR FY21 AND FY22

Commissioners Chairman McCann updated the Commissioners about the status of historic horse racing in the state and potential impacts on upcoming funding. Discussion returned to the NHCPG proposed budget revisions. Chairman McCann and Commissioners LaPlante and Gray asked questions and requested further detail with a focus on ensuring that the implementation and strategic plans do not in any way jeopardize the original RFP Scope of Work activities. Ms. Shockley indicated that she will send the Commissioners further information on this point. A high-priority next step is developing and promoting the Project Manager job listing.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

Commissioners Talbot, Gray, and LaPlante discussed plans to record a webinar for distribution by the New Hampshire Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselors Association (NHADACA) as a substitute for the Behavioral Health Summit presentation, which was cancelled due to COVID.

6. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 from 1- 2:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman McCann at 2:18pm.

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Maura McCann, Chairman

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Gray
Commissioner
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