



New Hampshire Council for Responsible Gambling
Commissioners' Meeting Minutes
March 17, 2021 1:00 PM

Present: Chairman Maura McCann, Commissioner Ed Talbot, Commissioner Dot Duda, Commissioner Debi LaPlante, Commissioner Heather Gray

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McCann at 1:08pm. The meeting was televised by Microsoft Teams.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 MEETING

Motion was made by Chairman McCann to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2020 meeting. Commissioner Talbot moved the motion and Commissioner LaPlante seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

2. REPORT BY THE COUNCIL OF PROBLEM GAMBLING

Commissioner Talbot provided the financial and activities report of the New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling. Follow-up discussion centered on the nature of the helpline calls, partnership with NH-211, and potential coordination with the National Council on Problem Gambling.

3. RFP UPDATE

Chairman McCann provided an update on the RFP issued on December 14, 2020 for gambling-related clinical capacity building and related services. Two responses were received on or before the due date of February 5, 2021: one by the New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling and one by the Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health. Chairman McCann and Commissioners LaPlante and Gray individually reviewed and scored the responses, then met to review their scoring. As a result of the combined scoring, with particular emphasis on each group's familiarity with the New Hampshire gambling and treatment landscapes, Chairman McCann made a motion to award the contract, pending Governor's and Council approval, to the New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling. Chairman McCann requested Commissioners Talbot and Duda to recuse themselves from this vote. Commissioner Gray seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved by Chairman McCann and Commissioners LaPlante and Gray. The request is expected to be on the agenda for the Governor's and Council meeting during the first week of April.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

There was unanimously positive feedback on the Commission's new logo and a decision to request that the ad agency create a temporary electronic letterhead. This was followed by a discussion of the need for a dedicated URL for the Council to be added to subsequent communications.

We discussed the remaining available budget for FY21 and the possibility of rolling it over to FY22. Chairman McCann will make this request to the Lottery CFO. We discussed the substantial cut to the Commission's budget and our responsibility to request restoration of funds, particularly given the expansion of gambling opportunities throughout the state and subsequent need for prevention resources and clinical capacity.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 from 1- 2:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman McCann at 1:50pm.



Maura McCann, Chairman

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Gray
Commissioner
New Hampshire Council for Responsible Gambling