

New Hampshire Council for Responsible Gambling
Commissioners' Meeting Minutes
June 15, 2022 1:00 PM

Present: Chairman Maura McCann, Commissioner Ed Talbot, Commissioner Dot Duda, Commissioner Debi LaPlante, Commissioner Heather Gray, Dr. Angela Bergen of the New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McCann at 1:07pm. The meeting was televised by Microsoft Teams.

1. INTRODUCTION OF ANGELA BERGEN, PHD

Dr. Bergen, the newly hired Program Manager for the New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling, introduced herself and the group discussed her roles and responsibilities.

2. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 23, 2022 MEETING

Motion was made by Chairman McCann to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2022 meeting. Commissioner Talbot moved the motion and Commissioner LaPlante seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

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

Commissioner Talbot provided the NHCPG budget report and training updates Commissioners discussed these reports. Discussion focused on upcoming trainings, including an upcoming live training to be held at the Susan N. McLane Audubon Center in Concord, and efforts to promote this training widely. Dr. Bergen discussed her efforts to launch trainings with clinical staff and peer support specialists affiliated with Riverbend Community Mental Health Services. We discussed the state of the NH gambling helpline and the possibility of adhering to requirements to become a national helpline affiliate. Doing so would allow calls to the national helpline to be routed to the NH helpline. Commissioner Talbot and Dr. Bergen will study this issue and report back. Dr. Bergen suggested involving peer specialists in helpline activities and the group responded positively to this idea.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

Chairman McCann discussed the status of historic horse racing (HHR) in the state and described current uncertainty regarding the value of HHR revenues that will be dedicated to problem gambling prevention/treatment via the NHCRG. Two HHR locations have been licensed, The Brook in Seabrook and Ocean Gaming Casino in Hampton Beach. Both locations, per law, have been provided the responsible gambling materials to post. We discussed the upcoming National Council on Problem Gambling national conference in Boston and possible attendance at that meeting. We discussed the benefits of inviting New Future staff to attend and present updates at our future quarterly meetings.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 14, 2022 from 1- 2:00 PM.

At 2:18pm, Chairman McCann entertained a motion to go into non-public session under RSA 91-A for contract discussion. Commissioner Gray seconded this motion. Via individual role call, Commissioners Gray, LaPlante, Duda, and Talbot, and Chairman McCann, signified their agreement to enter into non-

public session. The Commission did not take action during this non-public session, so we did not reconvene the meeting. The non-public session ended at 2:38pm.

Maura McCann, Chairman

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Gray
Commissioner
New Hampshire Council for Responsible Gambling

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SIMPLE PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT MARCH 15 – JUNE 15, 2022

INCOME

State of NH - \$30,000

Draft Kings - \$15,000

Donations - \$330

TOTAL INCOME RECEIVED - \$45,330

EXPENSES

Office Supplies – \$287.30 (checks)

Phone – \$204.06

Salaries and Benefits – \$12,493.61

Memberships Dues and Fees – \$281.00

Games of Chance – \$298.25

Website - \$708.00

Shared Services:

- Rent – \$2,933.00
- Equipment – \$3,481.00
- Bookkeeping – \$1,592.50
- Communications – \$4,500.00

TOTAL EXPENSES PAID - \$18,551.28



New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling
Activity Report March 1 to May 31

Helpline : Total Calls: 53

Problem Gamblers: 15: (Charitable Gaming 5, Sports 4, Lottery 3, Casino 2, Online Casino 1)

Other Calls: 38: (Follow up 30, Meeting 3, self-exclusion 2, 1 media, 1 industry, 1 legislator)

Attended 10 GA meetings (Manchester Hybrid) Currently 4 helpline callers are regularly attending with 2 recently celebrating anniversaries.

NHADACA meeting and scheduling training July 26, 1-3 PM Understanding and screening for Problem Gambling

Helpline Caitlyn Brown of CCPG meeting & offer of assistance (More on helpline agenda item)

Ginger Ross doing recovery training in Colorado and using parts of our July training. Will assist in developing and presenting clinical training in NH.

Attended ICRG Webinar: Can Motivational Messaging Engage Individuals At-Risk for a gambling disorder in an online assessment.

Suicide Prevention Council requests presentation at a future meeting.

Additional presentations in Behavioral Health area (Angela)

NH Charitable Trust annual report filed and will file a six moth report to coincide with our fiscal year.

Attended NAADGS Quarterly meeting on peer support.

Responded to call from Hampton Casino as well as helpline caller trying to VSE in Keene .

Interview with Portland Press Herald for story on Sports Gambling

.Call and discussion with State Representative Michael Cahill