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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING

APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 16, 2024

10:00 a.m. to Adjournment

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1. Call to order/roll call – Alan Feldman, Chair This meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m., by Chair Alan Feldman, requested Ms. Garcia take attendance of members.

Members Present:

Alan Feldman, Chair

Stephanie Goodman

William Theodore Hartwell

Constance Jones

Dr. Shane Kraus

Lesley Pittman

Richard Taylor

Members Absent

Shane Galster

Denise Quirk, Vice Chair

Ms. Garcia confirmed that we met quorum.

2. Public comment– Alan Feldman, Chair
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Chair Feldman asked if there was any public comment. No public comment was made.

3. For Possible Action Approval of Minutes April 25, 2024, meeting - Alan Feldman, Chair
Ms. Connie Jones motioned to approve the minutes. Mr. Ted Hartwell seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Informational- Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) and Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention Updates (BHWP)
 - a. Discussion on Fiscal Report – Paul Ripple, DPBH, Contracted Administrative Service Officer I
Paul Ripple, contractor for DPBH went over the fiscal report balanced through the closing of the Fiscal Year. The ending balance in category 19 was 71,000 which will carry forward to Fiscal Year 2025. There was also a balance remaining in Category 20 in the amount of \$481,888 which will be carried forward to Fiscal Year 2025. Which puts the current balances for Fiscal Year 2025 for Category 19 at \$2,065,433 and Category 20 at \$481,888.
 - b. Discussion on Program Updates - Kim Garcia, BHWP, Social Services Program Specialist III
Ms. Garcia advised for the Fiscal year 2025 all subawards are executed. Ms. Garcia explained that there is approximately \$31,000 unobligated which is being saved for mid-year allocation as more people are seeking treatment.
5. Informational Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling Subcommittee and Work Group Updates
 - a. Discussion on Legislative Subcommittee Updates – Stephanie Goodman, Legislative Subcommittee Chair
Ms. Goodman advised that they will be visiting Elko on October 22nd to do panels and speak. Also, in Carson City on March 4 from 9am to 3pm for Problem Gambling Awareness Day. Chair Feldman added that he had given a presentation to the NRA, on a new funding formula which is .05% of taxes collected by the Gaming Control Board. He advised that he had not received much feedback but will keep everyone updated.
 - b. Discussion on SB341 Appropriation Workgroup Updates – Sarah Palito, KPS3, Inc
Ms. Palito recapped the goals of the committee which is to help understand the perception of Problem Gambling in the State of Nevada and also wants to utilize data to demonstrate the need to increase awareness and to develop public relations, messaging, and advertising. Ms. Palito announced that the Committee has come up with a name which is Nevada Leads (reducing gambling harm to protect mental and public health. A statewide poll will be distributed this month, which will consist of 5 questions to residents that will give an idea of what the perception of what people feel within the state about problem gambling. This information can be used to take to legislation and for a press release. Ms. Palito also advised they are holding two Nevada Leads events one October 22nd in Elko and another December 6th in Las Vegas.
6. For Possible Action Discussion and Possible Approval of the 2025 Provider Manual Version 1.0 - Jeffrey Marotta, PhD, Problem Gambling Solutions
Dr. Marotta reported back on what updates have been made for this year's version. Ms. Goodman motioned to approve the new provider manual. Dr. Kraus seconded the motion. Everyone was in favor. Motion passed unanimously.
7. Informational Presentation on National Voluntary Self-Exclusion Program -Jonathan Aiwazian
Mr. Aiwazian gave a presentation on National Voluntary Self- Exclusion Program.
8. Informational Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling Governance
 - a. Committee Membership – Alan Feldman, Chair

Ms. Garcia confirmed that no more memberships were needed to be renewed this year.

- b. Discussion on Position Statement or Show of Support letter – Alan Feldman, Chair
Chair Feldman made the statement that as a resident of Nevada you are welcome to discuss whatever you want with the legislature, but not on behalf of the ACPG.

9. Informational Discussion on Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items – Alan Feldman, Chair
The committee decided on November 14th at 10am for the next meeting date.

10. Public comment – Alan Feldman, Chair

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Mr. Hartwell commented I just wanted to acknowledge the fact that since our last meeting, our esteemed Chair has been inducted into the America Gaming Association Hall of Fame, recognize a much and well-deserved honor. The other thing that I wanted to mention is, it hasn't really been a secret, but probably a lot of folks until very recently haven't known or may not have heard yet is that I will plan to step back from my leadership role here at the Nevada Council, probably by the end of the year due to a health. An announcement formally went out of an e-mail blast went out. A few days ago, many of you probably saw that. But if you didn't get it and are interested in the Executive Director position announcement, please reach out to me. I'll tell you about that. I don't plan to step back from my role in the immediate term from this this board but reserve the right to do so before my current term is up and I just wanted to express everyone's support behind the scenes and otherwise over this past year and more recently, thank you so much.

Chair Feldman added Ted, I think I think I can say with absolute certainty you are a very, very special part of this board of this Community and the state really of this issue nationally and obviously your health is number one and we all want to support you in that, but I also would say part of you know, maintaining your health is to maintain things that you're passionate about. I'm hoping this is one of them. I'm hoping that that you'll agree that it's OK to meet every other month. It's very different than an everyday kind of thing, but we'd hate to lose you. That said, please know you have our full support. Whatever decision you may make.

Mr. Hartwell responded Thank you, and I do plan to still spend at least half of my time working on behalf of the Council in a consulting role and hopefully getting some new programs off the ground and avail myself. Available to of any of you for, presentations and advocacy work, and any other places that it makes sense to do so. I'm. I'm not going away, just my part of my time is. There were no further comments.

11. Adjournment - Alan Feldman, Chair
Meeting adjourned at 11:21am.