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Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling  
Legislative Workgroup Work Session  
Approved Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 10, 2023  
1:00 p.m. to Adjournment

1. **Call to order/roll call:** Stephanie Goodman, Chair

**Members Present:** Stephanie Goodman (Chair), William Theodore Hartwell, Lesley Pittman, Denise Quirk, Dr. Rory Reid, Alan Feldman

**Members Absent:** Constance Jones, Carol O'Hare

2. **Public Comment** - Stephanie Goodman, Chair

There was no public comment.

3. **Possible Action Item:** Approval of Meeting Minutes - December 7, 2022 - Stephanie Goodman, Chair

Mr. Ted Hartwell stated his name had been misspelled in the December 7, 2022, minutes and requested this be corrected.

Chair Goodman requested a motion be made to approve the minutes with the corrections.

Mr. Feldman made the motion to approve the minutes with the corrections.

Ms. Pittman seconded the motion.

Mr. Hartwell abstained as he was not present at the last meeting.

The motion was passed.

4. **Possible Action Item:** Discussion and Possible Recommendations for Problem Gambling Day at the Legislature - Stephanie Goodman, Chair

Chair Goodman stated they have not moved forward with KPS3 but would still like to have KPS3 design a one-page brochure explaining why Problem Gambling Awareness Day on May 2<sup>nd</sup> is so important.

Ms. Garcia stated she has spoken with KPS3. They need a few more details from the Legislative Committee before they can submit a dollar amount for consideration. She also suggested as a possibility, she and Chair Goodman can work offline with KPS3.

Chair Goodman inquired of Ms. Garcia if the Committee needs to vote on this.

Ms. Garcia stated as this will only be in draft form, no vote is required at this time.

Chair Goodman continued with outlining what the Legislative Committee's presentation for Problem Gambling Awareness Day will look like. She states there will be three easels with posterboards which will essentially state what Problem Gambling Day stands for. Two of the posterboards will reflect what is stated in the brochure and the third easel will be more marketing oriented.

Chair Goodman requested a motion be made to go forward with the collateral items and one sheet for the Nevada Legislative Problem Gambling Day.

Ms. Pittman made the motion to move forward. Mr. Feldman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Goodman opened the floor for discussion from the members asking if there is anything they think is important to add to their display.

Chair Goodman stated she thinks it is important to talk about the Council, the various centers around the state providing help to problem gamblers and presenting the data which shows the number of people actually getting help vs. the number of people in need of help.

Dr. Reid suggested, as problem gambling is a legitimate neuro psychiatric disorder, neural images of a brain from a person with the disorder and brain from a person without the disorder could be added to the display. He stated, by allowing the legislators and others to see the difference between the two brains, they could get a better perspective, and see it is a very real disorder. He also suggested the Committee let the Legislature know how much their funding is appreciated, how effective it has been by enabling the Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling (ACPG) to effectively help people, including how and why it is so important to continue the funding.

Chair Goodman stated, the presentation will set a positive tone which will include thanking the Legislature for funding they provided. She continued by stating, this is to help get the message across to the Legislature, about how large problem gambling is, and how people are being helped. This really is not about asking for anything; it is only to make them aware of this problem.

Mr. Feldman also stated, the data Dr. Reid suggested using, is already planned to be included. It will come from the outcome studies which are available.

Ms. Quirk stated Mr. Hartwell is making a presentation in February on sports betting and its effects on people. She suggested not only show what the ACPG has accomplished, but to also demonstrate the ACPG is thinking about the future.

5. **Possible Action Item:** Discussion and Possible Recommendations for Future Strategies Related to Problem Gambling Services - Stephanie Goodman, Chair

Ms. Pittman stated the 120-day Legislative calendar has been released, and the Legislative Committee will not be up against any legislative deadlines. She is intent on scheduling a series of meetings by the time the tables and displays are set up. Ms. Pittman suggests on Monday, May 1<sup>st</sup>, the group meet to discuss who will be meeting with which legislator, who will be representing the group at the tables, and to work out the proclamation which will be made on both the Assembly and Senate floors and who will be making the proclamations.

No action was taken.

6. **Informational:** Discussion on Updates Related to Problem Gambling Services - Stephanie Goodman, Chair

Chair Goodman stated, after the pandemic, everyone thought there would be an epidemic of problem gambling. She went on to say, as the largest center, their numbers have not gone up dramatically, however they are doing more outreach and the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), they have with Westcare, will increase their numbers significantly.

7. **For Possible Action:** Discussion and Possible Recommendations for Future Funding Options Related to Problem Gambling Services.

Chair Goodman inquired of the Committee if anyone had any suggestions. Hearing none, no action was taken.

8. **For Possible Action:** Approval of the Next Meeting, Future Meeting Agenda Items - Stephanie Goodman, Chair

Chair Goodman stated, she would prefer this committee meet when a reason calls for it, such as getting a steady funding stream so it may be presented to the ACPG.

Mr. Feldman agreed with Chair Goodman and suggested moving forward, at the discretion of the Chair, when there is a reason to meet, the Chair contact Ms. Garcia to arrange a meeting.

Ms. Garcia stated it can be done this way.

No action was taken.

9. **Public Comment:** Stephanie Goodman, Chair

Ms. Garcia referred to agenda item #8 and inquired of Chair Goodman if the Committee will be keeping the same agenda or will it be based on a certain determination.

Chair Goodman stated it will be a very specific agenda item. She will provide the information to Ms. Garcia within the timeframe required for posting.

10. **Adjournment:** Stephanie Goodman - Chair

Chair Goodman requested a motion for adjournment.

Dr. Reid made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Feldman seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.