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**Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling  
Legislative Workgroup Work Session  
Approved Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday ,March 24, 2021  
12:00 p.m. to Adjournment**

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

**Members:** Stephanie Goodman (Chair), William Theodore Hartwell, Constance Jones, Carol O'Hare, Denise Quirk, and Dr. Rory Reid

**Absent:** Alan Feldman

**Guest/Staff Present:** Donna Meyers, Reno Problem Gambling Center; Lea Tauchen and Tray Abney, Abney Tauchen Group Recovery Advocacy Project; Trey Delap, Group 6 Partners; Lena Hatzidopavlakis, Bristlecone Family Resources, Kim Garcia and Tammy Saling, Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention.

**2. Public comment – *Stephanie Goodman, Chair***

*(Action may not be taken on any matter brought up under this agenda item until scheduled on an agenda for a later meeting)*

Chair Goodman asked for any public comment. There was no public comment made.

**3. For possible action: Approval of Meeting Minutes – March 9, 2021  
*Stephanie Goodman, Chair***

Chair Goodman asked for a motion to approve.

Ms. Quirk made the motion to approve the March 9, 2021 Minutes

Mr. Hartwell seconded. Motion passed without abstention or opposition.

**4. For possible action: Discussion and Possible Recommendations for Future Strategies  
Related to Problem Gambling Services**

Chair Goodman stated the reason for meeting today is to make sure there aren't any red flags from the budget meeting that occurred last week. She and Ms. O'Hare both attended that call and provided public comment at that time. There were no surprises. There were a few questions that I was happy to hear the Legislator ask. Besides that, I feel like we are on the track of what we've been told.

Ms. O'Hare added that she has sent the Governor's Proclamation out to every Legislator with a general statement about Problem Gambling Awareness Month and how important it is and this is a good time for them to show their support in continuing our budget at the levels proposed. She got one "Thank you" response. She agreed with Chair Goodman that it was uneventful and maybe that's our goal this session is to be 'uneventful'.

Chair Goodman agreed and stated that she also sent a piece that we put together to everyone and before that budget meeting she also emailed people that had emailed her back. Some of the people she knew and what this is happening and will be more that

happy to reach out should there be any bumps. Everyone was very nice and those I spoke with were responsive.

Does anyone else have anything to add specific to that budget meeting? There were no additional comments made.

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

Chair Goodman stated that she has one thing wants to say. They implemented our Relaps Prevention program. It is a four-week program we started March 12<sup>th</sup>. It has been full. It is a service that is definitely helping. Thank you, Jeff and Kim, for figuring out a way to bill for that. It is very popular. We might have to do a second class. It been specific to the services that we provide. I said it in Public Comment that is really awesome to see things like that and to figure out a way to bill for it. Like on just a phone call that was not even about that. That was very unbureaucratic and awesome.

Ms. O'Hare asked Chair Goodman to send her a brief email (just for their benefit) about what it is and what the response has been? We are doing our best to track everything that is happening during Problem Gambling Awareness Month and I that is a good tie into it. Also, to let our other affiliates know that you were able to do that without moving (inaudible). We like simple things that people try with existing resources and has a reach. Chair Goodman said she will send Ms. O'Hare a recap on it with specific numbers. That will give you an idea how that occurred. We actually already had the materials. Dr. Hunter had already created a booklet that was specific to that, which was wonderful. It was easy to move forward and handle it.

Ms. Garcia stated that if any other providers who are on this call, if you can provide Ms. O'Hare any updates on things that are being done during the month so that she can report that also to the Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling (ACPG) by this next week would be great. Also, just to go over what we have done this month would be very helpful. Chair Goodman asked Ms. Garcia if the Project Worth has gotten any play or had any responses.

Mr. Garcia said that she will reach out to Sara and ask if she has, she has not provided any detail as of yet.

Ms. O'Hare told Ms. Garcia that Sara did send her a copy of the December Press Release and March Press Release. She will go back and check to see if she gave me any data on that. She may have included several stories which had been an issue. We are compiling as quickly as we can. I assume tomorrow is your deadline for me to provide you or get a report to you or what is the drop-dead deadline?

Ms. Garcia replied that she can have it to her by Monday morning.

Ms. O'Hare thanked Ms. Garcia.

Ms. Garcia said that because she is on furlough Friday that bought her a day.

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Chair Goodman asked if anyone else has more to say specific to Problem Gambling Services. No additional comment was made.

**6. For possible action: Approval of the Next Meeting, Future Meeting Agenda Items**  
*Stephanie Goodman, Chair*

Chair Goodman suggested the next meeting to be in a month if all agreed if that seems appropriate.

Ms. O'Hare ask if anyone knows when the budget might be heard again, or will it be heard again? And when do they start doing budget closing because we might have to pay attention to that.

Ms. Garcia stated that she hears that possibly at the end of April is the goal to have those budgets closed. I've been watching and asking if they have that notice to get that so I can distribute that out to you guys. I can let you know as soon as I know. Then they know what funds they have available for other items. There is a lot of fiscal notes happening currently.

Chair Goodman asked if April 29<sup>th</sup> is a good time to meet for everyone? And if there is nothing to talk about, we can always (I don't know) push it back. Should we just have a tentative date? Can we all agree on that now and then before Ms. Garcia posts, it we can try to determine when that budget meeting will be.

Ms. Garcia replied, "we can do that".

Additional conversation continued regarding members availability for the next meeting.

The consensus agreed that April 28<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. works for all of them.

Ms. Garcia stated that she will put that on the schedule.

Chair Goodman asked Ms. Garcia if it needs to be voted and the reply was that it did not.

**7. Public comment - *Stephanie Goodman, Chair***  
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Chair Goodman asked if there is any public comment at this time. Seeing as none, she asked if there is a motion for adjournment?

Dr. Reid motioned to adjourn.

Ms. O'Hare seconded. Motion passed without abstention or opposition.

**8. Adjournment – *Stephanie Goodman, Chair***  
Meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.