

**Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling
Legislative Workgroup Work Session
Approved Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 9, 2021
12:00 p.m. to Adjournment**

This meeting is being held in compliance with Declaration of Emergency Directive 006.

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TEAMS

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

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

Members Absent: Alan Feldman

Guest: Chris Murphy, New Frontier; Tammi Barlow, William Hill; Wendy Whitsett, Health Plan of Nevada, Behavioral Health Department; Andi Dassopoulos, University Nevada Las Vegas (UNLV); Dr. Jeff Marotta, Problem Gambling Solutions; Kim Garcia, Bureau of Behavioral Health and Wellness (BHWP); Tammy Saling, Bureau of Behavioral Health and Wellness (BHWP); Agata Monika Gawronski, Board of Examiners for Alcohol, Drugs and Problem Gambling Counselors; Lena Hatzidopavlakis Bristlecone Family Resource; Leo Magrdichian, WellCare; Tray Abney, Recovery Advocacy Project.

2. Public comment – *Stephanie Goodman, Chair*

Chair Goodman asked if anyone would like to provide public comment?
There was no public comment made.

3. For possible action: Approval of Meeting Minutes – December 10, 2020

Stephanie Goodman, Chair

Mr. Hartwell motioned to approve the draft Minutes of December 10, 2020 meeting.
Ms. O'Hare seconded. Motion passed without abstention or opposition.

4. For possible action: Approval of Meeting Minutes – January 29, 2021

Stephanie Goodman, Chair

Ms. Quirk motioned to approve the draft Minutes for January 29, 2021 meeting.
Ms. O'Hare seconded. Motion passed without abstention or opposition.

5. For possible action: Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 9, 2021

Stephanie Goodman, Chair

Ms. Jones motioned to approve draft Minute for February 9, 2021 meeting.
Ms. O'Hare seconded. Motion passed without abstention or opposition.

6. For possible action: Discussion and Possible Recommendations for Legislative Strategies -*Stephanie Goodman, Chair*

Chair Goodman provided an update regarding the Infographic and Talking Points. Both were sent out to all Legislators. Several Legislators replied. It was well received. One in particular, thanked her and offered to help if any “bumps in the road” occur and to call if needed.

Chair Goodman asked for recommendation on strategies moving forward.

Mrs. Garcia advised that the next Budget Hearing coming up on March 16, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. Ms. O’Hare asked which committee being heard in and if she could get a simple list of the emails of Legislators? Mrs. Garcia replied that it is being heard by Health and Human Services committee. Chair Goodman offered to provide Ms. O’Hare a list of emails she used for contacting Legislators. She will distribute the list to all the members to this group.

Ms. Quirk will not be available on 3/16 if for some reason there is questions raised at the Budget Hearing someone should be on standby and have contact to reach out if needed. Mrs. Garcia commented that public is not being allowed however can be watched and she will be watching. Chair Goodman also stated she will be watching and if questions arise, she will group text them to others for possible answers. Ms. O’Hare asked who from the Department will be there? Mrs. Garcia stated to her understanding it will be Debbie Reynolds, Lisa Sherych or possibly Dr. Woodard. Mr. Hartwell stated that a number of them testified at the Special Session and members of the public from different perspective. Some individual Legislators did reach out back to us and asked if this is an appropriate time to be reaching back? Or should we be waiting for later on in the process? Mrs. Garcia responded that this is the first Legislative Hearing and is not sure but will get an answer for you. Anyone can provide public comment during those Budget Hearings. Chair Goodman asked for conversation about potentially drafting a public comment before and or should it wait until after or both?

Ms. Quirk stated that it is more about Dr. Woodard having people cell phone number in case there are questions related to gambling that she needs answers to. Mrs. Garcia stated that she will reach out to Dr. Woodard today and ask what she would like.

Chair Goodman asked about having public comment drafted before or after, just in case?

Ms. Jones commented that she likes the infographic and suggested adding a formal Proclamation by Governor Sisolak acknowledging Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

Ms. O’Hare stated that the Proclamation has not yet been sent to Legislator and is why she was asking for the email list. The Proclamation is on the Website and does reference the Council and the Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling and ties us all together.

Ms. Jones said that she did see the website and will be circulating the information in several meetings and that will be very impactful.

Mrs. Garcia stated that it was also deiminated through the State as well.

Ms. Quirk mentioned that in the past there was someone to waive a flag to take a moment to acknowledge a program. This session may be different but perhaps have Dr. Woodard or Lisa find a legislator who will waive the flag for us this session.

Chair Goodman will find out if they are doing ceremonials such as that and let the group know.

Chair Goodman asked for any questions or statements. No further questions or statements heard.

7. Informational: Legislative updates related to Problem Gambling Services- *Stephanie Goodman, Chair*

Chair Goodman stated there is an update regarding the call yesterday with the Board of Examiners and CASAT and requested Ms. Quirk give the update and Dr. Marotta to include anything not mentioned that he can include.

Ms. Quirk reiterated previous conversations about “words matter”. The just of the meeting is that it was a great gathering of the State, the Board, CASAT, representative of ACPG and a few others that have not met in a very long time. The best that came of this was to start the conversation and an opening for regulation change. Not law change but change but a regulation change that the Board can do by changing a few words now and can be put out for public comment soon. We have a window of Wednesday morning for me and Dr. Marotta to provide word changes we want, which is to “allow clinical supervision to occur on telehealth”. There is more to come on that but if you want more call me later. This is profound because there is now an opportunity for us to effect change now. That will need to be permanently adopted by the board between July and November.

The second thing I am super excited about is that Dr. Marotta and I put our heads together and asked if it would be possible to have an ACPG member to have a standing agenda item on the Board of Examiners meetings which would allow us to offer information and have conversations? They said, “yes”.

We also got clarity on how the email system works. It has been somewhat broken. We found out that had we requested it a certain way we would have been notified about Board meetings. We will now all be informed and emailed, making sure that we are interested in all the Board meetings. Now I have email discussions with Colleen Potts, the attorney for the Board to see if we can submit “for possible action items”. For now, we can only be included as “for information” items but we are working on that.

Chair Goodman commented that CASAT is offering a 30-hour course that has 109 people currently taking the course. It is wonderful to see so many people interested and involved.

Ms. Quirk stated that her and Dr. Reid were content developers for that and CASAT put that together. We clicked it open and thanks to Nevada Counsel who put it out there, now there is a future. The number was astonishing and good news.

Ms. O'Hare commented that the proposed language of their legislation limited the change of doing supervised telehealth to counties with less than 100,000. Which eliminates Clark County and Washoe County. Is that the piece that is the “window” to have a conversation about? About some exception about it being allowed for problem gambling.

Ms. Quirk's responded that was her first questions as well. She was told she had a previous draft and not a current draft. It was the draft she received that morning and she received the current draft after the meeting. Dr. Marotta and I are now focused on working out how that is going to occur. They did take the current geography off the table. Ms. O'Hare asked for clarification. Chair Goodman clarified that item 2 is now gone. Ms. O'Hare got the clarity and provided "Kudos" to them for taking it on and getting the communication pipeline established like it had been previously. Mrs. Garcia stated she was also very excited to hear that they had removed that limitation.

Dr. Marotta stated he is also very glad to hear things going in the direction we want them to go.

Chair Goodman asked if there is any other updates to give to the Committee?

8. For possible action: Approval of the Next Meeting, Future Meeting Agenda Items

Stephanie Goodman, Chair

Chair Goodman suggested the group meet after the next Budget Hearing, if all agree. Ms. Quirk suggested Wednesday, March 24 at 12:00 p.m. All agreed that works for them also. Ms. Garcia will prepare and get the Agenda out. Kim will get the agenda out and keep it the same agenda without all the minutes.

9. 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 for public comment and provided time for reply. There was no public comment.

10. Adjournment – *Stephanie Goodman, Chair*

Ms. Quirk motioned to adjourn at. Ms. O'Hare seconded. Motion passed without abstention or opposition.