
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON PROBLEM GAMBLING
DRAFT MINUTES
Tuesday, August 4, 2020
9:00 a.m. to Adjournment**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call – The meeting was called to order at 9:05 am. Quorum was met.

Members Present: Alan Feldman, Chair; William Theodore Hartwell; Constance Jones; Carolene Layugan; Carol O'Hare; Denise Quirk, Vice Chair; Brenda Joy Rose

Members Absent: Donald Yorgason

Staff and Guests: Cari Moss, Kim Garcia, Raul Martinez and Brook Adie, Lisa Sherych and Dr. Stephanie Woodard, Division of Public and Behavioral Health; Lana Robards, New Frontier Treatment Agency; Andi Dassopoulous; Jamie Bartlett, Center for the Application of Substance Abuse Technologies; Stephanie Hui; Kimberly Wade and Sarah Polito, KPS3; Stephanie Goodman, Las Vegas Problem Gambling Center; Terry Kerns, Attorney General's Office; Dr Jeff Marotta, Problem Gambling Solutions; Trey Delap; Dr. Bo Bernard and Sarah St. John, University Nevada Las Vegas; Donna Meyers, Reno Problem Gambling Center; Nena, Physical Family Resources and Andre Wade

2. Public Comment

Ms. Goodman made statement that she is grateful that they were able to recoup some of the dollars. She feels that there was a lot of educating during the special session and appreciative of the state for realizing they are a vital piece of the mental health community in Nevada.

Mr. Feldman said that legislative session was communicably difficult, looking forward, he is excited about collaboration.

3. Announcements

Lisa Sherych stated that she understands that there are some individuals or groups that feel she let them down. With the COVID situation, it has been a task to balance all the things getting thrown at them as well as the budget issue. She apologized that she really didn't know anything about problem gambling and should have done her due diligence to understand the program when they had to identify cuts. DPBH is in a very difficult position when they look at the programs that are general funds. It's preferred to have other funding streams outside of general funds. She said she will

make more of an effort to sit in on the meetings. She does not want there to be a thought that the Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling (ACPG) is not important. She said that they have already started working on the 2022/2023 budget and will have the original budget written into it. At this time, she does not know if any changes will be made, it depends on how the economy bounces back.

Mr. Feldman felt he was most frustrated by being surprised by the budget and how much of a cut it was with no understanding why. He would like to have the opportunity for input before decisions are made.

Ms. O'Hare appreciated to hear that although Ms. Sherych didn't know about the program before, she does want to know now. Ms. Sherych said if they anticipate that cuts will have to be made, she would like to have conversations as to how deep the cuts can be and still be able to continue with programs. Mr. Feldman feels collaboration is the best approach to find common ground.

4. Approval of Minutes for Meeting on July 16, 2020

Mr. Hartwell made a motion to defer approval of the minutes to next meeting with corrections and additions. Ms. O'Hare seconded. Motion passed without abstention or opposition.

5. Discussion and Possible Approval of State Fiscal Year 2021 Budget Allocation Recommendations

Ms. Garcia shared her screen with the [Department Recommended SFY2021 Budget Allocations](#) slideshow. Mr. Marotta and Ms. Garcia presented the slides. She mentioned that the numbers are just recommendations, nothing is final.

Connie where were administration cost before that were in this budget Ms. Garcia replied they were a separate line item and they were in addition to the 2 million dollars. Quirk regarding KPS3 previously there a range of options, is this the time where we would heard what the range of options are? Ms. Polito shared her screen so the committee can see what was accomplished with the KPS3 campaign. She showed that 12,863 people visited their site from March 1 thru June 30. 240 people completed the quiz 83 people clicked the various resources. Public relations had 17 total stories that ran and 31million people reached. 33,336 FB 127 and 61 on Twitter. 1 minute 44 secs on page. 43 people made a call or sent an email. People did engage in the display ads. They are looking to update the artwork on the pages to hold interest. They are honored and grateful to be a part of being able to help spread the word. Mr. Feldman pointed out that the stats are coming from an independent service. Ms. Polito said they use Data Studio, which is a Google company, they track the number of visits and how long someone is on the page. They constantly pull the report to be able refine to get the best result.

Ms. O'Hare asked if there any info on how people scored from the quiz. Ms. Polito showed her screen with how many people started the quiz and finished it 38 % have no risk level, 36.1% felt they had a high-risk level, 14% were low 11% were medium. Ms. Polito said they wrote the 9 criteria as questions, people self-select from there.

The high med low was based on yes questions.

Mr. Hartwell asked if they can tell how many unique visitors there were. Ms. Polito said they can track then; she believes that the visits are unique and have excluded her visits.

Ms. Polito put in the chat that 12,863 visits of which 11,325 were unique visitors.

Ms. Quirk asked for clarification on workforce development and prevention and all the stuff they wanted to do and how COVID changed it. Ms. O'Hare said that they are working on how they are going to reposition their prevention efforts. The significant change is that instead of being in the community they must use zoom presentations and short YouTube videos. She encourages people to look at a conference less as an event and more as a commitment to continuing education part that we would do as if it were a 2-day conference. Community outreach it will be the same but will just look different doing it.

Ms. Hui said the Gambling Treatment Diversion Court has 8 participants. Originally the money was allocated to provide treatment, because the treatment is already being provided through the treatment providers funding, they have not needed to use the treatment dollars. They have used the dollars for the required drug testing and to partially fund a coordinator. Nothing has changed in the programming. The funds allow the coordinator to go out and find resources and connected them with things in the community.

Ms. O'Hare commented that Ms. Hui is the institutional knowledge, she appreciates that the det can see the importance of anchoring what we build and maintaining the connectivity with the court. Ms. Hui pointed out that in add to the 8 participants there were 12 referrals.

Ms. Quirk said Washoe county has several cases that go through various judges independently there are some that reach out asking what they can do, she thinks that cutting the diversion number is too severe and would like to discuss today. Mr. Hartwell wanted to know what the stats are with the 12 additional referrals and why they didn't make the cut to be eligible. Ms. Hui said they must use a very detailed case management and data entry system which she uses for the gambling court diversion participants. She can provide demos and how they are doing every week and anything that occurs in the court hearing that week and the end of the fiscal year she provides a synopsis of how each of the court programs are doing. How many referrals and how many acceptance and denial they had and why they were denied.

Ms. Bartlett CASAT 25,000 budget to continue the 30-hour online course and develop a liaison service that would assist in gaining their problem gambling licensure in Nevada.

Ms. Garcia said that according to her discussion with CASAT the priority would be keeping the website available and building a supervision module.

Dr. Bernard narrowed their scope of work and, sadly, their team. The budget does not incorporate research but are continuing to follow up work that was already started at no cost.

Ms. Quirk feels that 50% cut of the diversion court is too much. She proposed 40% and that the money come from the public awareness campaign. KPS3 would like to use \$3,600 for the maintenance of their website. Ms. O'Hare agrees with the advocacy for the court but if the website does not collect data it does not provide the information needed. They are trying to at least keep the website going. Mr. Feldman suggested, that if in the next several months money should become available, we look back at the top priority's money can be reallocated.

Ms. Quirk said she looks forward to future discussions where we look at the trends and about what is important now.

Ms. Quirk made a motion to approve the starting point allocation as the direction we ascertained. Ms. Rose seconded. Motion passes without abstention or opposition.

6. Discussion on Future Agenda Items

Please send any future agenda items to Mr. Feldman or Ms. Garcia

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8. Adjournment

Mr. Feldman adjourned the meeting at 11:50 am