

Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling  
August 21, 2015  
Minutes

Call to Order, Hoffman

Present: Hoffman, Teutsch, Lutz, Scoville, Canada, Leckband

Absent: Bruder, Holt, Anselmo

Approval of Minutes: Motion-Teutsch; 2<sup>nd</sup>-Lutz. Aye: Hoffman, Teutsch, Lutz, Scoville, Canada, Leckband

Approval of Agenda: Motion-Leckband; 2<sup>nd</sup> Teutsch. Aye: Hoffman, Teutsch, Lutz, Scoville Canada, Leckband

#### Directors Report

Financial summary covers the first two years. Main point is that expenditures exceed revenue. Therapy contracts have grown year over year, outpacing revenue and depleting revenue in the Gamblers Assistance Fund.

The DAS Accounting Division Budget Status Report includes category "Budgeted Amount" that breaks out the appropriation and is equal to the appropriation. These are not hard and fast predictions but do contain two inviolable elements: the appropriated dollar amount for personal services cannot be exceeded or used for any other purpose, and "problem gambling messages" based upon 5% of the Lottery ad budget cannot be spent on any other activities.

#### Agenda Item Requests for October 23 Commissioner's meeting

- Update on Live Chat function for [problemgambling.nebraska.com](http://problemgambling.nebraska.com)
- Request JP map Helpline calls, categories and some historical mapping
- Request Blue Window for October presentation
- Request requirement in provider contract for outreach to military problem gambling
- NABHO membership of \$3500

#### Commission review of 2015 Annual GAP Report to the Governor and the Legislature

Program Purchase Card: Motion to approve the Director obtaining a State purchase card-Leckband; 2<sup>nd</sup>-Hoffman. Aye: Leckband, Lutz, Hoffman, Canada, Teutsch, Scoville

Military CEU Workshop – Contract allocation to Nebraska Council on Compulsive Gambling

Rhonda Spence Contract for databased maintenance and upgrade, \$2500: Motion-Canada; 2<sup>nd</sup>-Teutsch.

Aye: Leckband, Lutz, Hoffman, Canada, Teutsch, Scoville

NABHO Membership, \$3500 – TABLED

National Council annual membership Renewal, \$1750: Motion-Hoffman; 2<sup>nd</sup>-Teutsch. Aye: Leckband, Lutz, Hoffman, Canada, Teutsch, Scoville

APGSA annual membership Renewal, \$2500: Motion-Hoffman; 2<sup>nd</sup>-Canada. Aye: Leckband, Lutz, Hoffman, Canada, Teutsch, Scoville

NETV Big Red Wrap Up, McCann (\$6800), Firespring (2) retags (\$950), NETV (\$5500): Motion-Hoffman; 2<sup>nd</sup>-Lutz. Aye: Leckband, Lutz, Hoffman, Canada, Teutsch, Scoville

Ad Plan to Lottery Presentation

Certification Report, Deb Hammond, Recommending three certified disordered gambling counseling applications subject to passing national test (Frohardt, Heng, Shrader): Motion-Hoffman; 2<sup>nd</sup>-Teutsch.

Aye: Leckband, Lutz, Hoffman, Canada, Teutsch. Nay: Scoville

Certification Report continued: Eight applications for provisional certification (Arnold, Brungardt-Mayes, Cornish, Goodwin, Gray, Sanchez, Schroeder, VanWinkle): Motion-Hoffman; 2<sup>nd</sup>-Canada. Aye: Leckband, Lutz, Hoffman, Canada, Teutsch, Scoville

Service Expansion – Update

Legislation and Funding – Discussion re: 121 keno locations in NE. Local programs carry surpluses that carry possibility of setting up grant program to direct local keno funds to nearest problem gambling therapists. Talk to policy-makers about getting more funds from state keno proceeds on the basis that keno produces three times the number of problem gamblers as the lottery. Fantasy sports betting remains a big issue because its lack of regulation also produces little information on the extent of any problem gambling problems it produces.

Staff Performance and Salary Reviews: Establish a personnel sub-committee to gather information and report back to the commission (Leckband, Teutsch, Hoffman)

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