



New Hampshire Council for Responsible Gambling
Commissioners' Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2021 1:00 PM

Present: Chairman Maura McCann, Commissioner Ed Talbot, Commissioner Dot Duda, Commissioner Debi LaPlante, Commissioner Heather Gray

The meeting was called to order by Chairman McCann at 1:03pm. The meeting was televised by Microsoft Teams.

1. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 17, 2021 MEETING

Motion was made by Chairman McCann to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2021 meeting. Commissioner Talbot moved the motion and Commissioner LaPlante seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

2. REPORT BY THE COUNCIL OF PROBLEM GAMBLING

Commissioner Talbot provided the financial and activities report of the New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling. Follow-up discussion centered on expending remaining FY21 funds (potential work with NH-211, website development, purchase of an office computer, and strategic planning/consultancy services), membership in the National Council for Problem Gambling, and anticipated FY22 funds of \$100k.

3. MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION

Chairman McCann informed the group that historic horse racing has been approved and will become available in the majority of NH charitable casinos beginning January 2022. Anticipate revenue for problem gambling prevention and other services is \$2 million, according to a published estimate. Chairman McCann raised the issue of NH residents developing gambling-related problems following exposure to historic horse racing and volunteered to reach out to other state regulatory bodies to learn more about potential exposure effects and mitigation efforts.

4. OTHER BUSINESS

The Commission discussed voluntary self-exclusion (VSE) and how it is enforced at casinos in NH and beyond. Chairman McCann noted that each location that offers historic horse racing must have a VSE in place. Commissioner LaPlante suggested that ideally each location will present its VSE policies and practices for approval to the state.

Commissioner Talbot provided an update on a previous helpline caller who has now been gambling-free for 5 months, without disclosing any identifying details. Chairman McCann noted that this was possible in part because of Commissioner Talbot's one-on-one support.

5. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 15, 2021 from 1- 2:00 PM.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman McCann at 1:56pm.

Maura McCann

Maura McCann, Chairman

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Gray
Commissioner
New Hampshire Council for Responsible Gambling