

**Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling
October 21, 2016 Meeting
700 South 16th Street
Lincoln, NE 68508**

MEETING MINUTES

Call to order at 9:30

Roll Call: Present – Leckband, Lutz, Bruder, Hoffman, Canada, Patterson, Scoville, Anselmo;
Absent – Holt

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of July 29, 2016: Motion to approve by Lutz, seconded by Anselmo. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Publication of Meeting Notice and Open Meetings Act announcement: Chairman Hoffman announced that the notice of meeting and agenda were posted on the Gamblers Assistance Program website, the Department of Revenue Charitable Gaming Division website, and the State Events Calendar, on October 7, 2016. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is on the table with the other handout materials.

Motion by Commissioner Leckband to address agenda item 7 ahead of item 6; second by Patterson. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Bylaws Review: Commissioner Leckband offered proposed amendments to articles VI and VII of the bylaws. After discussion and friendly amendments, Hoffman moved to approve the proposed amendments, second by Canada. The amendments were adopted by unanimous vote. The amendment to article VI specifies that the vice-chairperson shall be the chairperson-elect, to move up to the position of chair at the end of the term of the current chair. No officer shall serve more than two consecutive two-year terms in office. The amendment to article VII specifies that the executive committee shall comprise the chair, vice-chair, secretary and a member at large. The member at large of the executive committee shall serve as an advisory, ex-officio non-voting member. The bylaws as amended will be placed in the permanent Commission records.

Election of Officers: Commissioner Anselmo moved for election of Mark Canada as Vice Chair, second by Bruder. The motion was adopted by unanimous vote. Commissioner Canada moved to elect Marla Bruder as Member-At-Large of the Executive Committee, second by Leckband. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

At this point Commissioner Janelle Holt joined the commission meeting.

Director's Report: Director Geier distributed a copy of the budget request for the biennium starting July 1, 2017, that was submitted to the State Budget Office in September with approval

of the Executive Committee which asks for an appropriation increase of \$100,000 each year of the biennium, and called for a roll call vote affirming the actions of the Executive Committee. Motion by Hoffman to approve the budget request, second by Bruder, motion carried by unanimous vote of the eight commissioners present. The director distributed a report document outlining the status of the program budget as a result of the actions by the Commission at the meeting of July 29, and outlining the budget impact of the proposals that are on the agenda for Commissioner's consideration at today's meeting. Administrative Services Accounting Division monthly financial reports for the first quarter of the fiscal year were also distributed, showing that the program as a whole is below budget at this point in the year. Spreadsheets itemizing the contract performance of counseling and other service contracts for the first quarter were also distributed, showing that the contracts as a whole were about on budget.

Helpline Contract: Commissioners reviewed documents outlining proposals for helpline service for the six months beginning January 1, 2017. Louisiana Association on Compulsive Gambling proposed to provide the service at a cost of \$1,300 per month. Nebraska Council on Problem Gambling proposed to provide the service at a cost of \$7,779 per month. Discussion focused on the quality of service provided in the past by the Nebraska Council, and the concerns about the quality of service provided by an out-of-state entity operating a large call center serving many states, with a staff unfamiliar with our state. After full discussion, Commissioner Bruder moved approval of the contract proposed by the Nebraska Council, seconded by Commissioner Holt. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Consulting Contract with Prof. Aaron Duncan: After discussion, motion to approve by Leckband, second by Canada. The contract will be in the amount of \$9,600, or \$800 per month, for July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, for consultation on the Young Adult Problem Gambling project. Commissioner Anselmo was not present for the vote. The motion carried by unanimous vote of the eight commissioners present.

ZOOM contract for telehealth services: Contract with the program office for licenses to use Zoom company service for secure, HIPAA-compliant counseling and other out-of-office services and conferences at a cost not to exceed \$25 per user and total contract amount not to exceed \$6,000 for 7 months from December 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. Motion by Hoffman to approve entering the contract, second by Holt. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Firespring contracts: Three contract proposals with Firespring of Lincoln were presented:

#1 – Employer Toolkit contract for completion of design and printing and reproduction of the finished work; for completion of design and content, not to exceed \$6,100; and for printing and reproduction of the finished work not to exceed \$10,275; total contract not to exceed \$16,375. Motion by Hoffman to approve the contract, second by Holt. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#2 – Young Adult Problem Gambling, project in collaboration with Prof. Aaron Duncan, to develop and disseminate problem gambling messages using social and digital media, for an

amount not to exceed \$40,000. Motion by Hoffman to approve the contract, second by Canada. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#3 -- State Rebranding. In conjunction with the Nebraska Department of Economic Development, Firespring offers to develop designs for various materials using the new brand and color schemes recently distributed. Three levels are offered at cost of \$500/2,500/7,500 depending on the agency's selection. This would also be incorporated into website redesign by Nebraska Interactive, considered later in the meeting. Motion to approve by Hoffman, second by Canada. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Creating Family Choices: College student survey on 16 private college campuses in Nebraska, questions about internet and fantasy gambling attitudes and behaviors. Contract amount \$25,280 to cover in person gathering of survey responses, compile and report results, and all incidental expenses. Moved by Hoffman to approve contract, second by Holt. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Boys Town new provider contract: Proposal for a new provider contract for \$10,000 total, divided \$6,000 for counseling and \$4,000 for problem gambling messages, on same terms as other provider contracts, for the period ending June 30, 2017. Motion to approve by Hoffman, second by Leckband. Motion carried by vote of 8 to 1: AYE, Hoffman, Canada, Leckband, Bruder, Holt, Lutz, Anselmo, Patterson; NAY, Scoville.

APGSA: Annual membership dues \$2,500. Motion by approve payment by Hoffman, second by Patterson. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Continuing Education Programs: To be organized and presented by the Nebraska Council on Problem Gambling:

#1 -- Jeffrey Derevensky, 6-hour CEU training on internet gaming, fantasy sports, and related subjects, to be presented live on November 11 in Omaha; contract to provide for speaker's fee and expenses, program presentation, recording, editing, uploading and offering online at Bellevue University, for a total cost \$15,000. Motion to approve by Leckband, second by Bruder. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#2 -- Three separate continuing education seminars to be created by Nebraska-based presenters, and recorded for presentation online by Bellevue University, for a total contract amount of \$12,000. Motion to approve by Holt, second by Lutz. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Clinical Supervision Contracts: Contracts to provide supervision of clinical practice for each provisionally-certified counselor, on terms consistent with the clinical supervision manual that was approved by the Commission on July 29. Contract amount not to exceed \$3,000, rate to be paid \$90 per hour including necessary travel with prior approval by the director, and reimbursement of expenses including personal vehicle use at GSA rate. Contracts with Jerry Bauerkemper, Ron Felton, Harlan Vogel and Gina Fricke. Motion by Hoffman to approve issuance of the contracts, second by Lutz. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Current Year Provider Contract Increase:

#1 – First Step, \$5,000 for outreach: Motion to approve by Holt, second by Canada. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#2 – Kit Johnson, \$35,000 for counseling services: Motion to approve by Hoffman, second by Lutz. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

#3 – Heartland, \$35,000, \$18,000 for counseling services and \$17,000 for prevention and outreach. Motion to approve by Hoffman, second by Bruder. Motion carried by unanimous vote with Anselmo abstaining.

#4 – Choices, \$15,000 for outreach. Motion to approve by Canada, second by Anselmo. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Website Redesign: Contract with Nebraska Interactive at estimated cost of \$5,200 to redesign the GAP website to incorporate new branding and design concepts that are being adopted by state agencies, including \$1,040 annually for website maintenance. Motion to approve by Hoffman, second by Canada. Motion carried by unanimous vote of eight commissioners present, Anselmo was not present for the vote.

New Provider Mentoring: Contract with Choices, up to \$10,000 for assistance to establish record keeping, data and billing submissions, and mentoring on local and community education and outreach methods. Motion to approve by Hoffman, second by Scoville. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Adjourn The meeting adjourned at 2:55 p.m.