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Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling
DRAFT MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday , May 13, 2026 1:00 PM – 2:35 PM
Meeting held via TEAMS

1. Call to order/Roll Call Members Present:

Alan Feldman, Ted Hartwell, Connie Jones, Denise Quirk, Richard Taylor. Quorum Met

2. Public Comment

Trey Delap wanted to express appreciation and gratitude to Nevada Council member Ted Hartwell.

Jeanyne Ward with CASAT advertised an upcoming webinar titled "Student Athletes and the risk of gambling addiction" on Friday May 22nd from 9:00am to 10:30am.

No other comments.

3. For Possible Action: Approval of Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2026

Denise Quirk moved to approve, and Richard Taylor seconded the motion to approve minutes for January 28th, 2026.

All members approved meeting minutes.

4. Informational: Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) and Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention Updates (BBHWP).

- A. Discussion on Fiscal Reports: Paul Ripple presented Problem Gambling figures. Mr. Ripple stated that spending is where it should be and projections look wonderful and are where they need to be. Budget will be spent by the end of the fiscal year.
- B. Discussion on Program Updates: Kimberly Garcia presented Problem Gambling spending through the 3rd quarter. Ms. Garcia also discussed upcoming conferences starting with the UNLV IGI Conference at the end of May. Ms. Garcia also discussed the National Gambling Conference in July in Nashville, TN. Ms. Garcia has also been invited by the National Association of State Alcohol and Drug Agency Directors (NASADAD) on behalf of Problem Gambling in June.

- c. Sarah Polito presented Project Worth updates. Sarah discussed using social media to help reach out to the general public to spread the word about Project Worth. Sarah also discussed website enhancements by providing additional information and modernizing the site to help with navigation. Fiscal Year 2026 budget information and Ads that have been presented during the busy sports betting season.

Chair Feldman requested to combined items #6 & #8 for discussion as approved by the committee.

6. For Possible Action: Discussion and Possible Approval and Vote on Recommendations on the Proposed Treatment Rates Changes to Problem Gambling Treatment Services.
8. For Possible Action: Discussion and Possible Approval and Vote on recommendations for the State Fiscal Year 2027 Problem Gambling Services Award Allocations.

Dr. Jeff Marotta presented a Power Point slide to all members discussing Rate Adjustments and goals behind those adjustments. Dr. Marotta shared the proposed reimbursement rate changes as well as annual reimbursement Caps changes. Ms. Andrea Dassopoulos presented the fiscal responsibilities and how the changes will impact everything going forward. Kimberly Garcia began discussing the 2027 Fiscal Year and how everything will be impacted with the rate adjustments. Ms. Garcia provided a slide showing allocations and where dollar amounts will be going and how everything will be impacted. Alan Feldman broke down items #6 and #8 for ACPG vote and wanted each one voted on separately.

A motion was made by Ted Hartwell to approve #6 and #8 allocations for Fiscal Year 2027, and Denise Quirk seconded the motion. All members voted I to approve.

5. For possible Action: Discussion and Possible Approval and Vote on recommendation to the State Fiscal Year 2026 Problem Gambling Services Award Reallocations.

Kimberly Garcia provided a presentation showing numbers currently spent and what the new rate increases would look like within the upcoming budget. Ms. Garcia discussed what the projections look like to spend the full award as well as the increase to clients. Numbers were presented showing target amounts and how it looks going forward.

Connie Jones motioned to approve with Richard Taylor seconding. All members voted

7. For Possible Action: Discussion and Possible Approval and Vote on the Recommendations for Updates to the SFY 2027 Version of the Problem Gambling Services Provider Manual.

Dr. Jeff Marotta began by sharing the provider manual with all in attendance. Mr. Marotta discussed challenges and changes that have occurred from the last version and discussed what to look for when the next edition is created. All areas marked show the reader the changes that were made and what cleanup was done. Mr. Marotta discussed level of service and changes that were made to avoid complications and were requested by treatment centers. Clauses that were altered and/or removed due to the alignment with Medicare were discussed as well.

Changes to the Gambling Treatment Provider Standards were shown which went into detail on what was added and removed for general housekeeping and cleanup needs. Dr. Marotta also provided details on procedure codes and reimbursements rates showing changes to descriptions as well as upper payment amounts. Copies will be distributed to all those that need them.

Denise Quirk moved to approve the changes to the manual with Ted Hartwell seconding that motion. All members approved the changes.

9. Informational: Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling Governance

- A. Committee Membership: Alan Feldman discussed that members Dr. Shane Kruse, Ted Hartwell and Lesley Pittman are up for membership renewal, and that discussion isn't needed yet but if any members know of others that would like to join that have the knowledge they are open to bringing them in. Kimberly Garcia will post membership information for all to see.
- B. Discussion on Position Statement or Show of Support Letter: Alan Feldman reminded the ACPG that no members are allowed to show a position statement and write a support letter without specific appointment.

10. Informational: Discussion on Scheduling of Future Meeting Dates and Agenda Items

Chair Feldman opened it to the floor on upcoming meetings and if any member wanted to speak on behalf of this. Mr. Feldman asked Ms. Garcia if anything is needed before end of Fiscal Year 2026, in which she said nothing is needed. A tentative date of September 1st at 1:00PM was set for the next meeting. Agenda item KPS3 update will be discussed at this meeting as well showing the DAG presentation training.

11. Public Comment:

Jeanyne Ward informed all in attendance that the Board of Examiners for Alcohol Drug and Gambling Counselors is scheduled for May 29th at 9:00AM. Nevada Opiate Center of Excellence is doing a free live CEU listening session on digital frontiers, peers and lived experience while leveraging AI and Tech in the current mental health workforce.

No other public comment

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:35PM