

Problem Gambling Task Force
Quarterly Meeting

SUMMARY

February 23, 2021
9:00 – 10:30 am
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Meeting purpose: Reconvene the full Task Force, share updates and discuss 2021 timeline.

Facilitator: Commissioner Julia Patterson (WSGC + PGTF Chair)

Time Keep + Note Taker: Meg O’Leary (Uncommon Solutions)

Participants

PGTF Chair: Comm. Julia Patterson (WSGC)	Elizabeth Enget (Uncommon Solutions) **	Tim Merrill (Maverick Gaming)
PGTF Co-Chair: Brad Galvin (Brief Therapy Works)	Peggen Frank **	Meg O’Leary (Uncommon Solutions) **
Amanda Benton (WA State Horseracing Commission)	Maureen Greeley (ECPG)	Tana Russell (ECPG)
Hilarie Cash (reSTART Life)	Ryan Keith (HCA)	Ruby Takushi (Recovery Café)
John Chinn (WSGC)	Susan Kydd **	Dave Trujillo (WSGC)
Vic Colman (Uncommon Solutions) **	Amber Lewis (On behalf of Chairman Forsman & Suquamish Tribe)	Roxane Waldron (HCA)
Brian Considine (WSGC)	Ty Lostutter (UW)	Kristi Weeks (Lottery)
Brandi Crowe (Puyallup Tribal Gaming Agency)	Mara Machulsky **	Keith Zenishek (Northern Quest Resort, Kalispel Tribe)
Rosina DePoe (WA Indian Gaming Association)	Chris Masse **	
Tony Edwards (HCA)		

** Non-voting member

Not in attendance: Joseph Benjamin (Sauk-Suiattle Tribe), Dallas Burnett (Squaxin Island Tribal Reg. Authority), Sen. Steve Conway, Ali Desautel (Lake Roosevelt CHC), Tim Farrell (DOH), Melissa Hurt-Moran (Kalispel Tribe BH), Benjamin Joseph (Tribal Council Chairman, Sauk-Suiattle Tribe), Rebecca Kaldor (WIGA), Victor Loo (ACRS), Rep. Drew MacEwen, Richelle Madigan (community rep), Dawn Mangano (Evergreen Gaming Corp), Lucy Mendoza (HCA), Glen Nenema (Kalispel Tribe), Ricki Peone (Spokane Tribe, HHS Director), Cosette Rae (reSTART Life), Sarah Sense-Wilson (Tulalip BH), Richard Swan, Sr. (Councilman, Colville Tribes), Carmela Washington Harvey (ECAR Evaluation & Counseling Services), Keri Waterland (HCA)

Action Items	<i>Assigned To</i>	<i>Date Due</i>
Schedule next PGTF quarterly meeting	Roxane + Meg	May or June 2021

Meeting Highlights

<p>Welcome + Role Call <i>(Comm. Julia Patterson, PGTF Chair)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduced Susan Kydd, guest and community member
<p>Arc of our Work Going Forward <i>(Comm. Julia Patterson, PGTF Chair)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2021-2022 PGTF timeline: Reviewed milestones and date extensions (see timeline on page 4 of this summary) Thanking PGTF and workgroup (WG) members: Your ongoing participation is making a difference! PGTF WGs reconvening in March: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Access to Care Treatment + Recovery: March 9 Prevention + Outreach: March 12 Research + Data: March 19 First WG meetings will focus on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discussing any carry-over topics from Fall 2020 Creating 2021 work plans, and Confirming monthly meeting schedule for 2021 WG expectations: We assume WG members will serve another year unless we hear otherwise
<p>Initial Discussion: Life after PGTF? <i>(Vic Colman, Uncommon Solutions)</i></p>	<p>PGTF Core Group Reflections</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Lots of great energy in both this PGTF and the WGs Some PGTF Interim Report recommendations reflect early implementation work by our partners. <p>Discussion Question: Is there a need to continue collaborative relationships once the work of PGTF ends? We're interested in having a "blue sky" conversation on this topic, and gauge level of interest and need for ongoing work.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maureen: Would the Problem Gambling Advisory Committee (PGAC) be an option for PGTF recommendations and help with implementation and ongoing support? Roxane: No, because the PGAC was created in the original problem gambling program legislation (RCW 41.05.750) to help guide the establishment of the program. In my opinion, any carry-over from PGTF once it sunsets should be taken on by a new/different group with a wider focus, such as an on-going Problem Gambling roundtable (the State PG Program would of course participate but wouldn't 'run' it).

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- Tana: Let's consider final PGTF recommendations, then see where the gaps exist. Are there enough players out there to move PGTF recommendations forward? Where are the gaps and who can help?

Going Forward: Roxane and the consultant team will continue to gather input on this topic throughout the life of the PGTF.

Updates

(Roxane Waldron, HCA)

State PG Program Updates

- Extension through 3/31/2021 for enhanced funding for contracted problem gambling agencies)
- First residential treatment client has completed stay at Free by the Sea. Funding is available for one more client between now and June 30, 2021.
- Roxane shared positive feedback from first residential treatment client.

Prevalence Study and Other Data Sources

- Requesting 1-year extensions through our legislative members for Prevalence Study (to June 2022) and Final PGTF Final Report to legislature (to November 2022)
- Launching Prevalence Study survey in late Summer 2021
- Working on RFP for survey organizations

Tribal Data

- Discussions in progress. Team will share updates at next PGTF quarterly meeting.

2021 Healthy Youth Survey

- Not administered in 2020 due to Covid
 - On track and will include a two-part gambling/problem gambling question
 - Timing will be good for matching with Adult prevalence study results
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Self-Exclusion Programs

*(Dave Trujillo, WSGC and
Kristi Weeks, WA State
Lottery)*

Dave Trujillo's Update

- WSGC hosted Government-to-Government meeting February 17. WSGC shared proposed self-exclusion process/path
- WSGC working on arranging consultation with tribal nations
- Four consultation pathways sent to tribal nations for consideration. Options include setting up consultation before rules enter public rulemaking process, and consulting after rule making process is implemented and we have a chance to see how things are functioning.

Kristi Weeks' Update

- WA State Lottery commissioners approved rules and filed language last week
- New WA State Lottery self-exclusion program anticipated to launch July or August 2021
- Lottery offering menu of self-exclusion timeframes: 1 year, 3 years and 5 years. Patron will be reminded, then automatically removed from self-exclusion list if they don't renew.
- Looking into increasing automation for self-exclusion sign up and offering options so patrons don't have to enter gambling establishment and possibly trigger addictive behavior.
- Focused on personal responsibility and agency: person has to sign themselves up—family member or loved one can't do it on their behalf
- Making process clear: if someone on self-exclusion list wins, they won't receive any money. Prize money will go back to Lottery or HCA, depending on type of gambling winnings
- This program will offer "warm hand-off" for patrons seeking prevention and treatment information and assistance

Action Items

*(Comm. Julia Patterson,
PGTF Chair)*

- Next PGTF quarterly meeting likely hosted in May or June 2021. Calendar invite coming soon.

Proposed Problem Gambling Task Force Timeline (date extensions due to impacts of COVID-19)

