Problem Gambling Task Force
Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, July 28, 2020
9:00 – 11:00 AM via Zoom

Meeting purpose
- Team shares PGTF progress and updates
- Workgroups present their initial ideas/priorities

Facilitator: Julia Patterson (PGTF Chair/Commissioner)

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<td>Roxane will get # of providers (MH, SUD, PG, etc.)—total from DBHR</td>
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<td>August PGTF Update</td>
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<td>Roxane will learn more about Medicaid and share back what she has learned at next quarterly mtnng</td>
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<td>Sept 21 (PGTF Meeting)</td>
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<td>Workgroups will continue to meet monthly via Zoom (or more frequently as necessary)</td>
<td>WG members</td>
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Next Quarterly PGTF Meeting (online): Mon Sept 21, 8:30am-12pm
## Meeting Highlights

### Updates:

- **PGTF Charter approval** (Julia Patterson, Chair)
  - Meg O’Leary shared the changes for the Charter.
  - **Decision: Changes approved by PGTF.**
- Problem Gambling Glossary is almost done—will be sent out for comments
- Thanks to ECPG, Tana Russell & Maureen Greeley for all their work
- Prevalence Study update – survey on hold due to pandemic; pre-work continues

### Workgroup Process Update

- Reviewed PGTF timeline and roadmap process. Workgroups hard at work and on schedule (some workgroups may wrap up their work next month) while others will use September to refine their work. Q: ‘How do we get to surfacing priority strategies?’
- WG’s now developing baskets of potential strategies; understand what they mean and make them ‘actionable and prioritize using clear criteria
- Deploying a Road Map Approach ‘3 Buckets’ Sequencing process:
  - Put strategies from workgroups in 3 buckets:
    1) Non-Starter (not a priority at all)
    2) Immediate near term (TOP PRIORITY)
    3) Medium/longer term
      - Workgroups doing a great job
  - The priority lists shared today will be from “bucket” #2 (TOP PRIORITY)—immediate near term

### Launch of new Advocacy + Policy Workgroup

- Pulling together this WG to see what’s surfacing in the realm of policy and systems change and be a bridge into the policy work that may lay ahead
- The role clarity question—note that this is not a lobbying group but rather a liaison group. This Task Force has numerous members who play various roles in policy development. Looking to convene its initial meeting in the next couple of months. Will have more to share at the next quarterly meeting
- Now drafting a Charter for the A&P. Anyone who wants to join is invited—we have 7-8 people signed up so far

### Workgroups Present Initial Ideas + Priorities

**Review Ground Rules for WG Presentations Today**

*For each Workgroup, designated spokesperson shared Top Priority strategies and clarified questions (with help of other WG members).*
Julia Patterson, Chair

1) Access to Care, Treatment and Recovery (Cosette Rae)

- **Workforce Development, Training & Certification**
  - Increase # of problem gambling providers (current need & future growth in need). Strategies incl. telehealth, lowering barriers to training, increasing treatment for rural areas and others without access to pg certified providers
  - Offer online gambling & tech-based pg training (req'd vs. optional)
  - Require Responsible Gaming training for staff interacting with clients at venues
  - Integrate drug/alcohol with pg counseling and tx; treating the whole person

- **Treatment & Recovery Opportunities**
  - Expand Medicaid to expand access to services
  - Improve access to Recovery for full continuum /levels of care
  - Research level of need for in-patient treatment options in WA State etc. (Free by the Sea, reSTART is also moving that direction—not licensed yet—hope to address all BH addictions in 2021)
  - Expand Partial Hospitalization Program
  - Increase alternatives to in-person attendance (telehealth, etc)
  - Gain clarity on source, level and use of Tribal PG funding and contributions

- **Funding gaps**
  - Increase funding for prevention, outreach, awareness, recovery, Helpline marketing, and raising pg provider rates, expand funding for inpatient & outpatient tx
  - Options include 1) taxing non-Tribal sports wagering, 2) taxing online gambling (if legalized), and 3) increasing b&o tax (0.13%)/class III gaming
  - Consider different formula/rate be applied to tax on sports wagering

2) Prevention and Outreach (Ty Lostutter)

- **Partnerships**
  - Assess scope expansion—Q: should the topics of online & tech-based gaming & gambling be included in future discussion at the state level with stakeholders? Those who are creating the games, users, and looking at technology
  - Determine how problem gambling funding is being addressed at the national level.

- **Responsible Gambling**
  - Create Voluntary Self-Exclusion (VEP) program (WSGC—in progress)
  - Require consumer protection tools into all forms of gambling (in-progress)
- Incorporate player and public education of common gambling distortions in gambling venues
  - Outreach, Advertising & Marketing
    - Expand Medicaid to include problem gambling (including prevention & outreach funding)
    - Ensure new sports wagering campaigns are appropriate for prevention & promote Helpline
    - Host roundtable on prevention & outreach
  - Enhance State Funding Sources
    - Increase budget for prevention media campaigns. Options: Increase percentage of funding from B&O tax, video game manufacturers.
    - Better understand current funding for problem gambling activities (State, Tribal, and any other funding sources, contributions, allocations. Work with WSGC and others to request needed data
    - Require sports wagering venues to fund prevention & outreach (as well as treatment).

3) Research and Data (Roxane Waldron)
- Initiate & complete WA State Adult Problem Gambling Prevalence Study (pre-work in process)
- Develop a cost/benefit analysis (to include prevention, tx, and recovery support efficacy)
- Replace current data system (TARGET2000) with robust data system

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<td>- Looking at multiple sources for needed data, including other state agencies (DOR, WSGC), organizations (such as ECPG), and possibly will make requests to Tribal councils as well.</td>
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<td>- Requesting date extensions from Legislature (Roxane Waldron)</td>
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<td>- Will likely need to extend several due dates at next Legislative Session; PGTF will rely upon Sen. Conway and Rep. Kloba to guide us on the timing of this.</td>
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<td>- Workgroups continue their monthly calls through mid-September, and will refine their actionable priorities for the preparation of the Interim Draft Report recommendations for discussion and approval at Sep 21 PGTF meeting. (JP)</td>
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<td>- Next PGTF quarterly meeting is Mon, Sep 21 – 8:30am-Noon</td>
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<td>- Julia invited any comments/questions:</td>
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<td>- Sen. Conway noted that the Spring 2021 Legislative Session will provide an opportunity to give legislative committees an update on the work the PGTF has been doing. A&amp;P workgroup could be helpful</td>
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in guiding this process too. Look at including legislative mental health-related committees for updates

Adjourned at 10:52am.

Proposed New Dates for PGTF and Prevalence Study (due to COVID-19)

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<td>11/1/2020</td>
<td>No change</td>
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<td>PG Task Force – final report to Legislature</td>
<td>11/30/2021</td>
<td>11/30/2022</td>
<td>Budget proviso creating PGTF (Spring 2019)</td>
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<td>Adult PG Prevalence Study – final report to PGTF and Legislature</td>
<td>6/30/2021</td>
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<td>Supplementary operating budget proviso (Spring 2020)</td>
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<td>Q: do we need to ask Legislature to allow PGTF to extend their timeframe?</td>
<td>Sometime in Summer/Fall 2021</td>
<td>12/31/2022</td>
<td>PGTF sunset date wasn’t included in proviso, but HCA assumes between 6/30/21 and 12/31/2021. Original member commitment was through 6/30/2021.</td>
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Medicaid Reimbursement for Providers (table) – provided by Tana Russell

https://www.coordinatedcarehealth.com/content/dam/centene/Coordinated%20Care/provider/PDFs/508-BenefitGridAHMC-Provider.pdf