

## **Problem Gambling Task Force (PGTF) Charter**

FINAL | adopted at July 28, 2020 PGTF Meeting

### **Purpose**

In 2019, the Washington State Legislature awarded proviso funding to the Washington State Gambling Commission (WSGC) to facilitate a joint legislative task force to review existing outreach, prevention and treatment resources for problem gambling and disordered gambling in order to determine if these services need to be increased in order to reduce the number of people impacted. The Health Care Authority (HCA) State Problem Gambling Program holds the lead agency role for the PGTF, and coordinates with the WSGC to meet the goals of the proviso.

### **Duration**

The PGTF convened in January 2020 and will complete their work by November 2021.

### **Scope and Activities**

To further explore and address challenges and opportunities related to problem gambling and gaming in Washington state, the PGTF will engage in reviewing:

- Findings of the WA State Gambling Commission 2019 Problem Gambling Study submitted to the Legislature in Spring 2019
- Existing prevention, treatment and recovery services offered by Washington state public, private and non-profit entities
- Existing programs, services and treatment offered in other states and by the Federal government

PGTF members are tasked with making recommendations to the Washington State Legislature. These recommendations will provide the foundation for the interim and final reports due to the legislature in November 1, 2020 and November 30, 2021 respectively. Recommendations will include:

- How to proceed with a state prevalence study measuring adult and youth participation in gambling and adult and youth problem gambling and gaming
- Whether Washington state should expand state funding for prevention, treatment and recovery services
- What steps the state should take to improve current licensing and certification of problem gambling health care providers
- Identify additional problem gambling areas for consideration and associated actions needed

## **Roles and Responsibilities**

### *PGTF Chair and Vice Chair*

- The Chair, Commissioner Julia Patterson, shall preside at all PGTF meetings.
- The Vice Chair, Brad Galvin, will assume duties of the Chair in her absence.
- The Chair and Vice Chair shall have general supervision and direction of Task Force business, including review of the required legislative reports.

### *PGTF Members*

- Participate in quarterly PGTF meetings (missing no more than one meeting unless sending a delegate or due to excused absences as agreed-upon with the chairperson).
- Participate in one workgroup that meets monthly via remote access.
- Review technical documents and provide guidance.
- Provide input to issues, strategy and direction.
- When necessary, engage outside resources and expertise to help fill knowledge gaps.
- Make recommendations to the Washington State Legislature. These recommendations will provide the foundation for the interim and final reports due to the legislature in November 1, 2020 and November 30, 2021 respectively.
- Receive no compensation or reimbursement from HCA or WSGC for expenses related to their services.

### *Workgroup Members*

- Participate in monthly 90-minute Zoom calls.
- Actively participate in necessary information gathering and sharing.
- Develop priorities related to their workgroup focus areas.
- Present recommendations to full PGTF for further consideration and refinement.

### *Health Care Authority (HCA) + Washington State Gambling Commission (WSGC)*

- Provide the necessary background material and resources.
- Provide timely information to the PGTF in accessible formats.
- Listen to the PGTF and facilitate discussion about how their comments are considered.
- Listen to and consider public comment.
- Develop and submit the interim and final reports due to the legislature.
- WSGC and HCA are coordinating state legislative proviso funding to contract with facilitators (Uncommon Solutions) with HCA as the contract manager.

### *Task Force Representatives from Tribal Nations*

- PGTF members acknowledge and recognize PGTF Tribal representatives are attending on behalf of Federally Recognized Indian Tribes in Washington State, which are sovereign nations, each in government-to-government relationship with Washington State.
- Each Tribe has been invited by the State of Washington to designate one or more representatives to participate on the PGTF in order to provide guidance, perspective, insight and recommendations.

- **Centennial Accord:** <https://goia.wa.gov/relations/centennial-accord>
- **Millennium Agreement:** <https://goia.wa.gov/relations/millennium-agreement/agreement>

#### *Uncommon Solutions Consultant Facilitators*

- Collaborate closely with HCA, develop PGTF meeting agendas, facilitate, and assist with summarizing meeting highlights.
- Coordinate and summarize workgroup key themes, recommendations and action items.
- Track ongoing list of issues, inquiries and emerging themes and use this as a tool to inform the project team and plan for future PGTF discussions.
- Assist HCA in developing the interim and final reports due to the legislature.

#### **Decision Making**

- The PGTF will make every effort to seek consensus on all decisions. However, in the event that total consensus cannot be achieved, the Chair, Vice Chair and facilitators will lead the Task Force through a modified consensus process, that would require a 2/3 majority rule. Minority opinions will be welcomed and presented to the Task Force for discussion and consideration.
- In the case of a vote, only PGTF members on behalf of their organization may participate, at one vote per organization (or if representing self, one vote per role).

#### **Time Commitment**

Members are asked to commit to meeting once per quarter from January 2020 through November 2021. Each 2-3 hour meeting will be held on a weekday morning or afternoon and will be scheduled in Olympia, the Seattle I-5 corridor, and in Central/Eastern Washington. All Meetings will have remote participation option and call-in capability. If the meeting occurs over the lunch hour, food will be provided. Members are also strongly requested to participate in one workgroup that will meet monthly via Zoom.

#### **Ground Rules**

- Listen to the other person without interrupting.
- Welcome diverse opinions as an opportunity to learn and ask questions to understand the other person's perspective.
- Respect confidentiality of fellow PGTF members and ask permission to share any statement another PGTF member makes in settings outside the Task Force.

## **2020 Schedule**

### **PGTF Launch / January 6, 2020 / 8:30 am – 1:30 pm**

Focus: Problem gambling overview, scope and role of PGTF, Charter review and approval, workgroup sign-up

Location: Health Care Authority  
Sue Crystal Meeting Room | 626 8th Ave SE, Olympia, WA

### **PGTF Meeting #2 / April 20, 2020 / 9:00 – 10:30 am**

Focus: Updates on 2020 Legislative Session updates, workgroup launch, and prevalence study; decision on expanding PGTF scope to include problem online video gaming; and Charter approval

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom

### **PGTF Meeting #3 / July 28, 2020 / 9:00 – 11:00 am**

Focus: Workgroups present initial ideas and priorities

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom

### **PGTF Meeting #4 / September 21, 2020 / Time TBD**

Focus: Discuss and approve recommendations for Draft Interim Report to Legislature

Location: Virtual meeting via Zoom