

PROBLEM GAMBLING TASK FORCE (PGTF)

TASK FORCE – NOTES SUMMARY

MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2020 | 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM | HEALTH CARE AUTHORITY

Attendees: Commissioner Julia Patterson (Chair), Brad Galvin (Vice-Chair)
Amanda Benton,* Dallas Burnett, Hilarie Cash, John Chinn,* Brian Considine, Sen. Steve Conway, Rosina DePoe,* Tony Edwards,* Tim Farrell, Ann Gray, Maureen Greeley, Ryan Keith, Rep. Shelley Kloba, Victor Loo,* Richelle Madigan, Dawn Mangano, Ricki Peone, Krystelle Purkey, Cosette Rae, Tana Russell, Richard Swan Sr., Ruby Takushi, Dave Trujillo, Roxane Waldron, Carmela Washington Harvey, Keri Waterland, Kristi Weeks **participated remotely*
Facilitators/Staff: Uncommon Solutions (Vic Colman, Meg O’Leary), Sasheen Morgan (DBHR)

Action Items:

- 1) **Next meeting: Monday, April 20, 9am-Noon** | The Recovery Café (SODO) 4202 6th Avenue S, Seattle, WA 98108
- 2) **DBHR & WSGC** – will verify revenue and spending with Dept. of Revenue, including if additional funding available that could be tapped for a prevalence study (in progress)
- 3) **HCA** send to members: Problem Gambling Study commissioned by WSGC and WA State Certification Committee Handbook (done)
- 4) **PGTF Members** to sign up for workgroups (if not done so already)—please email roxane.waldron@hca.wa.gov with your selections
- 5) **Workgroup coordinators** will contact members in Feb to set up meeting time
- 6) **ECPG** will create a diagram showing regionally where gambling services are available (to include Tribal gambling treatment programs if/as possible)
- 7) **WSGC** will present discussion from the Task Force meeting at an upcoming Tribal Regulators meeting.
- 8) **HCA** will create a location on the State Problem Gambling HCA website for the PGTF
- 9) **Facilitators** will revise draft Charter and share at next all-member Task Force meeting

Welcome and Brief Introductions

- Directors Dave Trujillo (WA State Gambling Commission) & Keri Waterland (Health Care Authority, Division of Behavioral Health & Recovery --DBHR) welcomed all participants to the first meeting of the Joint Legislative Problem Gambling Task Force.
- All participants introduced themselves by name and role/organization.

Morning presentations (for .pdfs of any of these presentations, email roxane.waldron@hca.wa.gov)
(Note: in future, all relevant materials will be available online)

- Overview of Problem Gambling Task Force (Brian Considine/WSGC & Roxane Waldron/DBHR)
 - PGTF Timeline, scope, and goals for the PGTF as specified in the proviso.
- State Problem Gambling Program (Roxane Waldron/DBHR)
 - Overview of gambling and problem gambling in WA State (Adults & Youth)
 - State PG Program is low-barrier for individuals seeking treatment for problem gambling
 - Contracts with 15 treatment providers as well as the Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling (ECPG) for awareness, prevention, and provider and staff training
 - Program budget and funding overview

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- Clinical Overview & Treatment Provider Certification (Maureen Greeley & Tana Russell/ECPG)
 - How to access services for problem gambling (35 certified treatment providers)
 - Key issues: awareness, services & gaps, certification and barriers
 - WA State Gambling Counselor certification process
 - Merging worlds of gaming and gambling online and on mobile devices
- Sports Gambling & Voluntary Self-Exclusion Program (Brian Considine/WSGC)
 - Types of sports wagers including in-game wagering
 - US States – operating sports wagering and legalized but not yet operating
 - WA State law & sports gambling bills
 - Problem gambling considerations
 - Voluntary self-exclusion timeline

Working lunch & Afternoon activities

- Prioritization Activity—Exploring Key Challenges & Opportunities (Meg O’Leary & Vic Colman/Uncommon Solutions)
 - Participants (individually, in pairs, and then in small groups) identified issues related to problem gambling and then these were sorted into rough categories for workgroups:
 - *Research & Data – prevalence study (key elements: at-risk pops, regional data, best practice data)*
 - *Prevention, Treatment and Access to Care*
 - *Certification*
 - *Policy* (general agreement that this workgroup will become active later as workgroups begin to produce recommendations)Members engaged in discussion about which items should be assigned to each workgroup. See PGTF Workgroup descriptions for specifics.
- Task Force Charter Development (Meg O’Leary & Vic Colman/UC)
 - Members reviewed the draft charter and asked for the following changes:
 - Added ‘*and gaming*’ under **Scope and Activities**
 - Added due dates for reports (Nov 1, 2020 and Nov 30, 2021 respectively)
 - Added ‘*and youth*’ to **Scope and Activities**
 - Revised description of **Roles and Responsibilities** to include Commissioner Julia Patterson as Chair and Brad Galvin and Vice Chair
 - Revised **Decision Making** to include a *modified consensus process* and that ‘*minority opinions will be welcomed and presented to the Task Force for discussion and consideration.*’
 - Facilitators will bring the Revised Charter forth for adoption at the next all-Task Force meeting on April 20, 2020.
- Wrap Up/Next Steps:
 - Workgroup sign-ups were passed around—another opportunity will be available
 - **Scheduled next meeting: April 20, 9-Noon, Recovery Café (SODO), Seattle WA**