

**State of Nebraska Commission on Problem Gambling
Quarterly Meeting
December 5, 2014 - 9 a.m.**

Present - Hoffman, Canada, Leckband, Anselmo, Lutz, Scoville, Teutsch, Holt; Bruder
(Excused absence)

Agenda motion to move agenda item #9 to 10:30 a.m. slot: **Vote: Aye - Hoffman, Canada, Leckband, Anselmo, Lutz, Scoville, Teutsch, Holt**

AGENDA ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes - **Vote: Aye - Hoffman, Canada, Leckband, Anselmo, Lutz, Scoville, Teutsch, Holt**

ITEM 2:

Welcome by Commission to new GAP staff hire

Directors Report - Primarily about finances. Director reviewed financial documents, provided in advance to Commission members.

\$2,165M appropriated currently. Reviewed contracts. Spent \$800K by December 31, 2014. Percentage of breakdown requested (Hoffman). Suggested for Column D (Lutz). A few providers not drawing down close to contracted amount questioned (Hoffman). Contracts are based on predictions (Geier). Number available, can pull out of previous minutes but numbers are mostly on target (Lutz).

Program Summary - GAP Review: (November 30). What funds get spent for. Health Care Cash Fund authorize \$25,000 for office overhead, \$225,000 for contracted services.

Trial Balance Report - \$1.8 remains in GAP fund.

ITEM 3:

Expense Items: Retroactive motion to approve (Teutsch), second (Leckband); **Vote: Aye - Hoffman, Canada, Leckband, Lutz, Scoville, Teutsch, Holt**

Bylaw Amendment: Pre-authorize at first meeting after "Program" add "in an amount not to exceed \$1500 per fiscal year"; Motion to approve (Hoffman), second (Lutz); **Vote: Aye - Hoffman, Canada, Leckband, Anselmo, Lutz, Scoville, Teutsch, Holt**

ITEM 3: Underwrite Nebraska contribution of 2015 Midwest Conference. Review - 80-90% of NE providers attend. (Geier). Motion to approve \$10,000 commitment

(Hoffman), second (Teutsch); **Vote: Aye - Hoffman, Canada, Leckband, Anselmo, Lutz, Scoville, Teutsch, Holt**

ITEM 4: Bellevue University Training. Contract review (Geier). Motion to approve amendment to Contract #57569 O4 with NCCG (Hoffman), second (Teutsch); **Vote: Aye - Hoffman, Canada, Leckband, Anselmo, Lutz, Scoville, Teutsch, Holt**

Demonstration: Dave Hoppe (Instructor, Bellevue University), Jerry Bauerkemper (Executive Director, NCCG).

ITEM 5: Mike Losee, SnitilyCarr, Outreach and Prevention Toolkit overview. Grassroots marketing statewide to present a unified message. Toolkit available to providers on an individual basis from different communities and regions. **Consensus of Commission to move forward and approve** resolution requesting SnitilyCarr to prepare a formal proposal outlining costs of toolkit and outreach campaign geared toward electronic media and outreach to community, schools, minors.

ITEM 9: Report of Certification Advisory Board and Appointment of New Member - Motion to approve Report (Hoffman), second (Teutsch). **Vote: Aye - Hoffman, Canada, Leckband, Anselmo, Lutz, Scoville, Teutsch, Holt**

New Cert. Bd. Member Recommendation: Jerry Bauerkemper. Motion to approve (Canada), second (Anselmo). **Vote: Aye - Hoffman, Canada, Leckband, Anselmo, Lutz, Scoville, Teutsch, Holt**

ITEM: 6: Proposals for Contracts

1. Panhandle MHC - Laura Richards, Executive Director of Panhandle Mental Health Center. **Little gamblers assistance program exists in far western Nebraska; funds for outreach.** Services - Scottsbluff, Alliance, Sidney; Developing Services - Kimball. Oshkosh. Motion to approve contract up to \$50,000, part of which can be \$0.39/mile w/ \$4000 cap with home base, between more than one location (Hoffman), second (Holt). **Vote: Aye - Hoffman, Canada, Leckband, Anselm, Lutz, Scoville, Holt; Teutsch and Bruder (Absent)**
2. Spence Counseling Center - Charles Spence, Executive Director of SCC. 2015 Outreach Treatment Proposal in Northeastern Counties of Nebraska. **To expand and strengthen outreach and treatment (one additional counselor) in underserved areas near gambling casinos in northeastern Nebraska.** Motion to approve contract for up to \$45,300, a portion of which may be used for mileage (Hoffman), second (Holt). **Vote: Aye - Hoffman, Canada, Holt; Abstaining, Leckband; Nay - Anselmo, Lutz, Scoville (Motion fails)**

3. Amendment to the motion to approve contract for \$25,000, providing that materials are shared with Commission that includes all providers as billed (Scoville), second (Leckband) **Vote: Aye - Hoffman, Canada, Leckband, Anselmo, Lutz, Scoville, Holt**
4. Catholic Charities, Sherry Scott, Manager, Outpatient Behavioral Health, Omaha, NE. **Proposal adds more outreach funding for Columbus and Omaha area and to serve larger client base. Two counselors interested in gambling certification.** Motion to approve \$5,000 (Hoffman), second (Canada), **Vote: Aye - Hoffman, Canada, Leckband, Anselmo, Lutz, Scoville, Holt**
5. Peace & Power, Gina Fricke, Manager, Therapist. **Proposal for additional funds this year on exceeded contract.** Motion to approve \$24,800 (Hoffman), second (Lutz). **Vote: Aye - Hoffman, Canada, Leckband, Anselmo, Lutz, Scoville, Holt**
6. Nebraska Council on Compulsive Gambling - Jerry Bauerkemper, Executive Director of NCCG. **Advanced, dual process class trainings (2) for four years. Clergy and Probation class, free six-hour classes for four years to build “front door” referral base and problem gambling education.** Motion to approve #1 for \$29,000 for advanced training (Scoville), second (Holt). Vote: Aye #2 for \$16,000 motion to approve (Lutz), second (Canada). **Vote: Aye - Hoffman, Canada, Leckband, Anselmo, Lutz, Scoville, Holt**

ITEM 8: General consensus to publish state website

ITEM 9: Legislative Agenda - Overview of 2015 legislative proposal (Geier) to strengthen sustaining funding for Gamblers Assistance Program.

ITEM 10 - Consensus to move forward with Iowa West Foundation

ITEM 11 - U.S. Senate Bill (Warren): Military base use of slot machines creates problem gambling, a security compromise. Review of federal initiatives (Bauerkemper).

Next Commission Meeting

March 3, 9:30 a.m. at Ferguson House. Executive session of Commission at 9 a.m.

Adjourn - 3:02 p.m.