

**STATE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON
PROBLEM GAMBLING & ADDICTION SERVICES**

April 4, 2007- 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Emergency Teleconference

301 S. Centennial Mall South, Room 3B, Lincoln, NE

Commission Members Present: Wayne Choat, Sherrie Geier, Steve Jung, Andrea McAllister, Tom Nutt, Donald Warren

Commission Members Absent: Janet French, Kathryn Speck, Dick Stalker, Robert Sylvester

HHS Staff Present: Eric Hunsberger- Gamblers Assistance Program Manager, Division of Behavioral Health Services; Abigail Davis, Staff Assistant, Division of Behavioral Health Services

Guests Present: Deb Hammond and Wanda Swanson, Choices Treatment Center, Inc.

Call To Order:

Wayne Choat, Chairperson of the State Advisory Committee on Problem Gambling and Addiction Services called the meeting to order at 4:10 p.m.

Abigail Davis called the roll of members and determined that there was a quorum.

Introductions/Welcome

Wayne Choat welcomed all members and guests.

Approval of Agenda:

Wayne Choat made the motion to approve the agenda. The general consensus was in favor of approving the motion. Motion carried.

Reports

FY07 Contract Amendments- Eric Hunsberger (*Attachments A, B, C, D, E*)

The Committee asked for clarification from Eric as to why they did not get to review all the requests for amendments to contracts. Eric explained that he did not send copies of all of the requests to the Committee Members because most of the requests for amendments supplied satisfactory documentation and were consistent in their monthly reimbursements so that there were no questions about their requests for additional funds.

The question was asked by the Committee why Rob Walton's request was honored and not Choices' request. Wayne answered the question by explaining that Rob Walton's budget was underestimated this year because it was based on last year's, which was abnormally low.

Eric summarized the FY07 Contract Amendments by reviewing the handout. (Attachment A).

Sherrie Geier moved to approve NCCG's request of an increase of \$10,000 to current fiscal year allocations. Andrea McAllister seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. No discussion ensued.

Sherrie Geier moved to approve Robert Walton's request of an increase of \$6,000 to current fiscal year allocations. Steve Jung seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. No discussion ensued.

Sherrie Geier moved to approve Heartland Family Service's request of an increase of \$5,000 to current fiscal year allocations. Tom Nutt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. No discussion ensued.

Sherrie Geier moved to approve Spence Counseling Services request of \$5,000 to current fiscal year allocations. Steve Jung seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. No discussion ensued.

Sherrie Geier moved to approve Lisa Johnson's request of \$5,000 to current fiscal year allocations. Tom Nutt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. No discussion ensued.

Sherrie Geier moved to approve Betty Hampton's request of \$3,000 to current fiscal year allocations. Andrea McAllister seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. No discussion ensued.

Sherrie Geier moved to approve Mike Sullivan's request of \$3,500 to current fiscal year allocations. Tom Nutt seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. No discussion ensued.

Sherrie discussed that Choices be awarded an increase of \$5,000 by the appropriation of other funding sources from four providers: Joan Yekel, Jean Hunt, Richard Landrigan, and Cari Brunner. She stated that in the past when metro providers have needed money it has been taken from money previously allocated to rural providers. Steve Jung commented that providers have always been awarded some money, maybe not what they asked for, but some.

Wayne moved that the requested contract amendment of Choices Treatment Center, Inc. of \$32,000 not be considered. Sherrie seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Sherrie moved to increase Choices' current fiscal year allocations by \$5,000, using funds from the contract awards not already spent of Joan Yekel, Jean Hunt, Richard Landrigan, and Cari Brunner, at the discretion of Eric Hunsberger. Andrea seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comment

Deb Hammond, Choices Treatment Center, Inc., stated her thanks for consideration of her request and that she will only ask for the \$5,000 if she needs it. PAC will try for a 62% draw. She is finishing March this week. She believes that all Committee Members should be given the expense sheets from the GAP budget. She also believes that the Committee should all understand LB321 and LB1039.

Adjournment

Wayne motioned to adjourn the meeting by general consent. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.