



Nebraska State Committee on Problem Gambling
 County Inn & Suites – 5353 North 27th Street, Lincoln, NE 68521
 February 12, 2010 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes



Purpose & Duration:

This is the quarterly meeting of the Nebraska State Committee on Problem Gambling. The Executive Committee meeting takes place one hour before the regular meeting starts.

Committee Members Attending:

John Bekins, Dennis Buckley, Carmen Engelhardt, Janet French, Sherrie Geier, John Hill, Ed Hoffman, Steve Jung, Dennis McNeilly

Committee Members Absent:

Steve Sloup, Kenneth Timmerman

DHHS-Division of Behavioral Health Staff Attending & Operations:

Maya Chilese, Lori Dawes, Karen Harker, Eric Hunsberger, Vicki Maca, Iliana Martin

Public Attendees:

Jerry Bauerkemper, Deb Hammond, Steve Kroll, Wanda Swanson

Agenda Items:

I. **Meeting Called to Order:**

Steve Jung, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 9:00am. After Roll Call, it was determined that a quorum was present.

II. **Approval of Minutes:**

The Meeting Minutes for November 13, 2009 were approved by general consent (Attachment A).

III. **Approval of Agenda:**

The Agenda for February 12, 2010 was approved by general consent (Attachment B).

IV. **Strategic Planning Process (SPP) Update – John Bekins:**

The first meeting of the SPP Ad Hoc Committee took place on January 28, 2010.

- a. One of the primary objectives of the first meeting was to draft the following Mission Statement: *To provide support and establish guidelines for problem gambling prevention, treatment and educational programs to reduce the impact of problem gambling for all Nebraskans.*
- b. Guidelines were established to set up lists of items that need to be accomplished at each meeting.
- c. The preliminary budget for the SPP process was discussed. The outside facilitator (\$10,000 estimated fee), Mr. Michael Stone, who is nationally known to be a subject matter expert in the field of problem gambling, has done plans for other states as well as the National Council on Problem Gambling's Plan. Specific tasks have been deferred until Mr. Stone has been hired.
- d. The Executive Committee was informed by DHHS staff prior to the start of the SCPG meeting that funding might not be available to bring in Mr. Stone for the entire project. His fees for travel and per diem alone would come to \$6,000. The Committee was counting on having \$10,000 available for this service.
- e. The next Ad Hoc Committee meeting had not been scheduled yet, so it was suggested that Mr. Stone may be contacted about a new proposal.
- f. The Committee discussed the Division's current spending authority and budget limitations in light of the state's budget deficit and the possible impact on goals and process for GAP's SPP. A discussion about postponing plans to hire Mr. Stone until after July 1, 2010 may need to be made because the Committee may only have spending authority for about \$2,500 until the new fiscal year begins. This may also impact future SCPG meetings, because the budget for the County Inn & Suites facilities meeting rental is approximately \$2,500.

- g. The Division's administrative and services budgets are being reviewed to determine if current contracts in the services (or aid) budgets meet the criteria of having direct benefit for consumers. Sherrie asked if this might mean the Committee would need to ask the legislature for some changes to allow for flexibility to cross DHHS budget categories for activities and services not tied to consumer needs. Administrative spending authority being used is approximately 5%. Nebraska Revised Statute 71-817 allows for up to 10% of monies in the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund to be used for administration of the program.
- h. Lori Dawes, DHHS Accounting, explained that the legislature gives Program 33, DHHS, a spending authority for the fiscal year. DHHS has six divisions, so that spending authority is divided into six portions. Each division director then divides the spending authority among the different programs in that division.
- i. Following further discussion, the Committee's directive was to look at services directly to or for consumer versus more administrative uses such as consumer training, public awareness, helpline and evaluation services, and contracts like Mike Sullivan's to shepherd the 407 Review. It was suggested that the Committee might have to ask for an increase in spending authority and may have to ask the legislature to increase the Committee's ability to use administrative dollars, which may ultimately affect funds available for consumers.
- j. A question was raised whether the specific provisions in Nebraska Revised Statute 71-816 trump DHHS policies for coding of treatment, education and administrative activities. If the statutes say that treatment and education are now separate, the question is what is included in administrative functions.
- k. Vicki Maca asked "Why do we need strategic planning," and then suggested it is needed "to plan better and help consumers by planning time and supports, delivery of services, etc." To that end, the Division of Behavioral Health will begin its own Strategic Planning, and it would be helpful if some Committee members could be involved in that process. Scot Adams asked GAP to identify two members to attend the February 24, 2010 meeting from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
- l. The Committee would also like two members to meet with the Division and go over budgets. Sherrie Geier and Ed Hoffman were suggested by Steve Jung. Sherrie and Ed agreed to participate.
- m. A motion was made and seconded for the Committee to request a spending authority increase for the administrative funds from 7% to 10% for the next biennium.
Action: The Committee moved to make the request for a spending authority increase for the administrative funds from 7% to 10% for the next biennium.
- n. The Committee may only have \$2,500 available for facility, mileage, per diem, speakers, etc. for the May Meeting. It was suggested that DHHS be asked to facilitate the next meeting at the Nebraska State Office Building (NSOB), which would not incur fees; members could bring their own lunch.

V. **Prevention Contract Report – Maya Chilese:**

The six recognized Prevention Strategies (Attachment C) and how to make decisions on those strategies were reviewed.

- a. GLW and Lancaster County are staying in line with nationally recognized strategies.
 - 1. GLW is piloting curriculum and integrating it into the school system this year.
 - 2. Lancaster County has the curriculum in the hands of educators to translate into a format for Lincoln Public Schools (LPS), which is allowing integration into programs (which they usually do not do - Substance Abuse has not had this success). This piloting is being done with an expectation that it will be formally integrated next year in English. A Spanish translation will also be available.
 - 3. Using the capacity of the existing community coalitions to integrate problem gambling into what they already do, would give the *biggest bang for the buck*. Many coalitions already receive about \$100,000 per year to develop prevention capacity via a separate federal initiative.
- b. Committee members would like to see examples of pamphlets, presentations, etc.
- c. A Vietnamese curriculum was suggested. Lancaster County will be approached about other languages. This would be one thing to keep in mind for RFAs.
- d. Another thing to keep in mind is the age ranges – 12-17 year olds may be too old for targeting; late elementary and/or middle school would be more effective. May need two different groups to target. This has been discussed before.

- e. A Committee member asked if GLW was having success in doing what they have been asked to do. The answer was yes. Since they don't have the same barriers as LPS does, it was relatively easy – teachers chose to integrate the curriculum and they did so.
- f. The Committee also asked if GLW was billing more frequently, and was told, that they were.
- g. There is a concern that there is a limit of funds to distribute to groups for prevention, because the Committee wants them to be used in the most effective way possible. We can't fund forever. Our prevention funds should be seen as seed money. The Committee can build capacity, by relying on coalitions and SAMHSA - funding community-based programs, as they are already established (16 coalitions are part of SICA) and doing a good job.
- h. Canada's success with programs via math classes was discussed as a possible option for a school prevention program in Nebraska. Maya said this would not be easy to do.
- i. Committee members stated that it might be possible to ask for math-based and explore other options on RFA/RFP in March while continuing to work with coalitions, tagging on to existing groups to get more for dollars spent since the capacity is already there. SICA *part two* SPF-SIG already has a plan, so getting gambling prevention on the radar is the best strategy for another year.

Action: With one abstention, the Committee moved to continue funding of GLW and Lancaster County as per current contract ranges and not to RFP prevention funds this year.

VI. Joint Strategic Planning Group – Mark DeKraai:

The UNL Public Policy Center will be facilitating the Division of Behavioral Health's Joint Strategic Planning. To that end they are requesting two volunteers – a Committee member and a GAP provider.

- a. An overview was given on the planning process that will include gambling, mental health and substance abuse. How do we move forward jointly with co-occurring disorders integrated with substance abuse and coalitions in prevention education? Utilize capacity network.
- b. The flow chart (Attachment C1) will serve as a guide to the Division as to how to move forward with input from stakeholders, identification of critical issues, documents that would be helpful, reviewing input from advisory groups, providers, etc. and then start rolling out to the public.
- c. To move through the process, send ideas, etc., go through Eric Hunsberger, Vicki Maca or directly to Mark DeKraai.
- d. The Division's Strategic Planning will guide and give focus, direction, vision, and will reflect the needs of Nebraska.

Break for Lunch

VII. Requests for Funding - Eric Hunsberger:

There were five requests submitted: Betty Hampton (\$880 + \$1,000* additional via e-mail), Wanda Swanson (\$15,000), Becky Green (\$12,000), Gina Fricke (\$20,000) and GLW (\$14,324) - (Attachment G1).

- a. Betty Hampton's, Wanda Swanson's and Becky Green requests were seen as reasonable and approved outright.
- b. Gina Fricke's request – the Committee noted that nothing was reduced from Heartland Counseling when she left the Heartland Counseling Center. Gina's request for funding included a statement that nineteen former Heartland consumers followed her to her private practice. Discussion about the possible need to reduce Heartland's contract (78 consumers per month) although there is no significant reduction there at this time. However, by approving the request, the Committee may be setting a precedent for more funds being out there than there are and may be a problem for funding next year. In addition, Gina's request suggests a need to hire an additional therapist as caseload increases. The request for funding was approved.
- c. Regarding GLW's request, the Committee neither felt they should be paid above Lancaster County nor saw the need for increasing their contract as previously discussed.

Action: The Committee voted individually to approve all funding requests except for GLW.

*Although the Committee approved \$1,880, the correct requested amount was actually \$1,820; this was the amount processed by the Division of Behavioral Health in the Contract Amendment signed March 19, 2010 by Betty Hampton.

VIII. Media Release – Eric Hunsberger:

- a. Problem Gambling Awareness Week - March 7-14, 2010 (Attachment H) - the Committee approved the press release draft with minor changes - adjusting the introductory quote to *gambling can be an addiction*, and a capitalization error to the second bullet.

IX. Legislative Updates – Sherrie Geier:

- a. Sherrie Geier provided the Committee with the latest updates (Attachment I) on LR 277, and other legislative proposals on the watch list for 2010: LR 296CA and LB 985-Charitable Poker, LB 1023-Redefine terms for NE County and City Lottery Act, and LB 765-Change provisions to the Criminal Code.

X. Fiscal Update – Karen Harker & Eric Hunsberger:

- a. Attachment E shows that less than \$162,620 is available - 85% of Health Care Cash has been used to date.
- b. Attachment F shows incorrect amounts for GLW – this will be corrected. Some providers are slow in getting billings in, which results in amounts expended being low for non billing.
- c. Crossroads is showing less than 30% usage because they only have one clinician. Cary Brunner decided not to pursue CCGC status and is, therefore, unable to provide services for GAP.
- d. Richard Landrigan also shows lower utilization, because he was hospitalized a month ago. He is working with clinicians in his area to maintain services.
- e. Rob Walton sent notice to Eric Hunsberger that he wants to finish his certification. He has not billed for services, so what services he has rendered are deemed free to the community. A site visit will be scheduled.

XI. Audit Reports – Eric Hunsberger:

- a. Heartland Family Services – the audit had to be re-scheduled for next week due to weather.
- b. First Step Recovery Center – the audit was consistent with contract requirements, and an additional clinician passed certification, so they are able to increase services.

XII. Billboards – Eric Hunsberger & Carmen Englehardt:

- a. Carmen has been working with Brokaw Marketing and Learfield Communications; the billboards are out and the radio spots will air next month before the Super Bowl, with focus on consumers and their families.

XIII. Funding Requests:

- a. With regard to the earlier discussion, the Committee asked that Requests for Funding from providers be standardized and submitted for consideration two weeks before each Committee meeting. The request form is available on the DHHS website with the implementation information.

XIV. Next Committee Meeting: May 21, 2010. Agenda items will include voting on contracts, budget and strategic planning, all dependent on what the next two months and budgeting brings, as well as an audit report on Gina Fricke and an update from Mike Sullivan on the licensure process. Tricia Crandall and Gina Fricke were originally asked to give provider reports, but the Committee does not want to incur additional expense. The Committee meeting will be moved to a *free* venue at NSOB for May 21, 2010.

XV. Provider Report – Steve Kroll – First Step Recovery Center:

- a. Mr. Kroll reported that the American Psychological Association is in the process of reviewing the current version of the DSM, adding eating disorders and changing label and placement of gambling addiction.
- b. First Step now has two CCGCs. Jolene Johns joins Tom Booth as a certified counselor. The agency has also brought in Linda Gorski, who will be a part-time mental health professional.
- c. First Step continues to go out to the prison and make presentations and also goes to the probation office once a week. They are seeing criminal thinking becoming more of an issue. One client *borrowed* cash from an employer and turned it into \$100,000. Then he started losing and the pit boss actually tried to talk him out of continuing when he was down to \$54,000, which is virtually unheard of. Unfortunately, the client got angry. Criminal thinking patterns like embezzlement and

- theft, address that aspect and require more specialty training.
- d. There is some frustration with co-occurring disorders, since it is not unusual for gamblers to also drink. Integrated care for co-occurring is still not easy to refer. They have mental health counselors and a scholarship fund for substance abuse, so that it can be addressed, but it is still a concern especially if in the course of talking to a consumer, substance abuse is seen and the counselor has to stop and refer. This was limiting before, but now that they have a contract, they have the ability to address co-occurring.
 - e. First Step trimmed people from the Magellan System, who have not come in for three months.. Consumers have to be re-evaluated if they don't return in three months, and that makes up 15% of administrative fees, which is restrictive when so much time for consumers is case management.
 - f. Per recommendation from GAP, First Step was recruited and signed up for participation in SQIT. Steve Kroll is the representative who will be attending meetings, whose function is to help review the quality of treatment in Nebraska. SQIT meets once a month and includes regional representatives, consumer affairs representatives, providers and agencies. Currently, they are coordinating and reviewing how to collect and analyze surveys.
 - g. Currently, First Step has about seventeen clients and their GAP audit has been completed. They are not asking for more funds since they won't be able to use what they have been allocated. They are not seeing clients as frequently, so they must be recovering. From an administrative perspective, this is not great and they are not getting many referrals for Lincoln, although Omaha's have increased. They have not been asked to do any presentations, and the mailing to the churches in the area have garnered no responses for services, except for the one minister who called them and said their church did not need their services. It may be because Wanda Swanson and Becky Green are offering services, and clients are not having to come into Lincoln.
 - h. They have examined their evidence-based model and are adopting the substance abuse model for all their programs, not separating gambling from other programs but tying-in to all other activities.
 - i. A Committee member asked if they are getting referrals from the Helpline and if they do get a referral, can they take those calls? Steve answered, yes, they can take calls 24/7 and yes, they have received some referrals recently, but not so much before that. Calls are coming from Omaha and Iowa and from out west.
 - j. Client satisfaction surveys say First Step is doing well in that respect.

XVI. Public Comment/Discussion:

- a. Wanda Swanson thanked the Committee for approving her request for additional funds and apologized for the tardiness of the second amended request.
- b. Wanda also pointed out that the only way a person now can get kicked out of a casino is by making trouble – there is no self exclusion. She has sent letters to congressmen about this and the different rules in border states.
- c. Deb Hammond reported that she is anticipating updating the Committee on March Gambling Awareness Month and that she is working on an article for it.
- d. Wanda stated that they have received eighteen proclamations back; the City Council met and the Mayor signed them. They see all of March for Gambling Awareness, not just one week.
- e. Deb asked Steve Jung about adding the question: *How a client feels about treatment* and how the State is getting that data. Steve replied that it could be added to every survey or through Magellan in the tag system. Reviewing how surveys and data duplication may occur is being looked at. UNL's PPC is doing a six month, post-treatment survey, so the question could be added to that survey. The regions have other requirements and they are trying to coordinate efforts, since adding another survey may turn people off. There is no united, focused data stream in Nebraska.
- f. Deb also asked what happens to the surveys that need to be turned in with billing. Eric Hunsberger answered that the GAP Evaluation will be looking at these in 31-45 days.
- g. Jerry Bauerkemper spoke about Bill 2906. It has 41 supporters, and the goal is to get 50 by next month, then get heading at the federal level. Blitzing regarding this is being done via e-mail.
- h. Focus groups have taken what consumers thought about the treatment experience, and now new focus groups have formed and their work will be completed in March and go into trainings. Joint trainings in Iowa on prevention and treatment driven by how the interaction with consumers, etc. Contracted with the State of Iowa and working with Maya Chilese on CEU approval.
- i. Jerry asked if there was a way to ask agencies how much they might draw down in a year, maybe

take a five year look at contracts, and try to predict the impact of growth. The Committee asked how that would differ from what is currently done. The Committee already looks at the previous year's utilization before planning for the next year. One can project as much as possible, but some things can't be foreseen.

- j. Focus groups might help agencies tailor information that could become public information that might be used in trainings.
- k. The Committee asked how clients would learn about treatment options and where. Evidence-based practices for gambling will come in time, but collecting and analyzing data from focus groups, made up from varied stages in treatment from starting to discharge, takes both time and manpower.
- l. The Helpline creates awareness and refers people to treatment. The population in Lincoln might be one of the least often referred groups in the state. The Committee asked if referrals took one call or two, and what numbers were given.
- m. Jerry answered that calls to the 1-800 line go to NGGC, but it is geographical. In Iowa, they are only required to give the Bets Off number and not the crisis helpline number. Some of the folks answering help lines are volunteers, and they may or may not transfer callers to NCCG or have them make a second call.
- n. Wanda mentioned that they have been getting people referred from the web.

XVII. **Meeting Adjourned:** Meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

Minutes prepared by the Division of Behavioral Health, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services.
Minutes are intended to provide only a general summary of the Committees proceedings.

Prevention Services

| <i>Prevention Strategy*</i> | Lancaster | GLW |
|--|-----------|-----|
| Information Dissemination | ✓ | ✓ |
| Prevention Education | ✓ | ✓ |
| Alternative Activities | | |
| Community-Based Processes | ✓ | ✓ |
| <i>Environmental Approaches</i> | | ✓ |
| Problem Identification and Referral | | |

Current Activities:

Garfield Loop & Wheeler (GLW) Counties (500 persons served)

- Piloting Curriculum within Public School System, continuing to influence Public School Policy
- Developing a community based approach, with local coalitions

Lancaster County (1000 persons served)

- Coordinating with Lincoln Public Schools to increase integrate & standardize PG education
- Publishing Spanish Curriculum

* SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) Typical NE program receives 140K for community assessment, planning and organization. Prevention Programs above are doing Six prevention strategies to some capacity with minimal funding.

Coordinating DRAFT Only
 2010 Request for Qualifications & Applications
 State Committee on Problem Gambling
 Tentative Timeline

Prevention and Helpline/Training

| ACTIVITY | | DATE/TIME |
|-----------------|---|---|
| 1. | Release Request for Qualifications/Applications | March 15, 2010 |
| 2. | Last day to submit first round written questions | March 22, 2010 |
| 3. | State responds to first round written questions through Request for Proposal "Addendum" and/or "Amendment" to be posted to the Internet at: http://www.das.state.ne.us/materiel/purchasing/rfp.htm ¹ | March 26, 2010 |
| 4. | Last day to submit second round written questions | March 29, 2010 |
| 5. | State responds to second round written questions through Request for Proposal "Addendum" and/or "Amendment" to be posted to the Internet at: http://www.das.state.ne.us/materiel/purchasing/rfp.htm | April 2, 2010 |
| 6. | Last day to submit "Letter of Intent To Bid" | April 5, 2010 |
| 7. | Proposal opening Location: Nebraska State Office Building Gamblers Assistance Program 301 Centennial Mall South, 3 rd Floor Lincoln, NE 68508 | April 16, 2010 2:00 PM Central Time |
| 8. | Review for conformance of mandatory requirements | April 16, 2010 |
| 9. | Evaluation period | April 19- May 7, 2010 |
| 10. | "Oral Interviews/Presentations and/or Demonstrations" (if required) | To Be Determined |
| 11. | State Committee on Problem Gambling Approve Proposals | May 21, 2010 |
| 12. | Post "Letter of Intent to Contract" to Internet at: http://www.das.state.ne.us/materiel/purchasing/rfp.htm | May 24, 2010 |
| 13. | Contract award | June 4, 2010 |
| 14. | Contractor start date | July 1, 2010 |

¹ Website reference may change given Ad Hoc Committee's guidance and type of service we are bidding on.

Fiscal Year 2009-2010
 GAP Expenditures and Revenues
 As of December 31, 2009

Percent of Time Elapsed 50.45%
 Percent Elapsed- Bi-weekly Admin 51.85%

Expenditures

| | <u>Administration</u> | <u>% Expend</u> | <u>Lottery</u> | <u>% Expend</u> | <u>Prevention Education Awareness</u> | <u>% Expend</u> | <u>Health Care Cash</u> | <u>% Expend</u> | <u>Grand Total</u> | <u>% Expend</u> |
|----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| FY10 GAP Budget | \$75,000 | | \$811,000 | | \$184,000 | | \$225,000 | | \$1,295,000 | |
| FY09 Encumbrances | \$25,586 | | \$78,797 | | \$15,527 | | \$8,958 | | \$128,867 | |
| FY10 Available Funds | \$100,586 | | \$889,797 | | \$199,527 | | \$233,958 | | \$1,423,867 | |
| Expenditures YTD | \$58,833 | 58.49% | \$265,498 | 29.84% | \$59,066 | 29.60% | \$199,343 | 85.20% | \$582,740 | 40.93% |
| Unexpended | \$41,753 | | \$624,299 | | \$140,460 | | \$34,615 | | \$841,127 | |
| Unallocated Budget | | | | | | | | | \$162,620 | |

Revenues

| | <u>Administration</u> | <u>Lottery Revenue</u> | <u>Prevention Education Awareness</u> | <u>Health Care Cash</u> | <u>Grand Total</u> |
|-------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Beginning Balance | 25,586 | 537,346 | 219,507 | 17,193 | \$799,632 |
| Receipts YTD | \$75,310 | \$641,292 | \$1,206 | \$225,000 | \$1,022,810 |
| Interest | 661 | 10,266 | 2,619 | 0 | \$13,546 |
| Total Available | 101,557 | 1,188,904 | 303,334 | 242,193 | \$1,835,988 |
| Expenditures | \$58,833 | \$265,498 | \$59,066 | \$199,343 | \$582,740 |
| Ending Balance | \$42,724 | \$923,406 | \$244,268 | \$42,850 | \$1,253,248 |

GAP Quarterly Report as of 02/11/2010

| DRAFT | Total Contract | 1st Qtr July - Sept | 2nd Qtr Oct - Dec | 3rd Qtr Jan - Mar | 4th Qtr Apr-June | Total Paid Out | Total % Used | Average Monthly Clients | Fund Sources |
|--|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Agencies | | | | | | | | | |
| First Step | \$124,500 | 21,943.75 | 20,188.75 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 42,132.50 | 33.84% | 18.00 | Lottery, Healthcare |
| Choices | \$224,000 | 58,992.50 | 49,042.50 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 108,035.00 | 48.23% | 33.67 | Lottery, Healthcare |
| Spence Counseling | \$160,000 | 36,472.50 | 32,235.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 68,707.50 | 42.94% | 24.67 | Lottery, Healthcare |
| Heartland Family Services | \$176,000 | 40,713.10 | 35,499.27 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 76,212.37 | 43.30% | 78.33 | Lottery, Healthcare |
| CrossRoads | \$21,000 | 2,850.00 | 3,300.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6,150.00 | 29.29% | 3.00 | Lottery |
| NCCG | \$155,000 | 36,000.00 | 37,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 73,000.00 | 47.10% | | Lottery |
| Total Agencies | \$705,500 | 160,971.85 | 140,265.52 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 301,237.37 | 42.70% | | |
| Private Providers | | | | | | | | | |
| Michael Sullivan | \$43,000 | 11,850.00 | 11,700.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 23,550.00 | 54.77% | 10.67 | Lottery |
| Robert Walton | \$4,000 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | | Lottery |
| Richard Landrigan | \$30,000 | 5,105.00 | 3,725.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 8,830.00 | 29.43% | 8.00 | Lottery |
| Wanda Swanson | \$13,000 | 7,335.00 | 5,355.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 12,690.00 | 97.62% | 4.33 | Lottery |
| Betty Hampton | \$5,000 | 1,200.00 | 765.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,965.00 | 39.30% | 1.67 | Lottery |
| Lisa Johnson | \$10,000 | 2,775.00 | 1,950.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,725.00 | 47.25% | 2.00 | Lottery |
| Rebecca Green | \$6,500 | 1,650.00 | 2,806.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,456.25 | 68.56% | 2.00 | Lottery |
| Sue Huebner | \$5,000 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | | Lottery |
| Gina Fricke | \$4,000 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | | Lottery |
| Total Private Providers | \$120,500 | 29,915.00 | 26,301.25 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 56,216.25 | 46.65% | | |
| Prevention/ Education Contracts | | | | | | | | | |
| First Step | \$4,000 | 495.00 | 630.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,125.00 | 28.13% | | Education |
| Choices | \$4,000 | 730.00 | 355.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,085.00 | 27.13% | | Education |
| Spence | \$4,000 | 140.00 | 60.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | 5.00% | | Education |
| Heartland Family Services | \$4,000 | 745.00 | 720.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,465.00 | 36.63% | | Education |
| CrossRoads | \$4,000 | 770.00 | 1,045.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,815.00 | 45.38% | | Education |
| Richard Landrigan | \$2,000 | 55.00 | 165.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 220.00 | 11.00% | | Education |
| Betty Hampton | \$1,000 | 310.00 | 220.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 530.00 | 53.00% | | Education |
| NCCG | \$60,000 | 15,000.00 | 15,000.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 30,000.00 | 50.00% | | Education |
| Garfield Wheeler Loop | \$35,000 | | 4,838.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 4,838.00 | 13.82% | | Education |
| Lancaster County | \$35,000 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | | Education |
| Brokaw Marketing (Billboards) | \$10,000 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | | Education |
| Learfield (Radio) | \$10,000 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | | Education |
| Education Materials | \$5,000 | | | | | 0.00 | 0.00% | | Education |
| Total Prevention | \$178,000 | 3,245.00 | 3,195.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 6,440.00 | 3.62% | | |
| Evaluation Contracts | | | | | | | | | |
| Michael Sullivan- Licensing | \$5,000 | | 671.04 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 671.04 | 13.42% | | Lottery |
| University Public Policy Center | \$50,000 | | 13,274.09 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 13,274.09 | 26.55% | | Healthcare |
| Magellan- Two Years | \$10,000 | | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00% | | Healthcare |
| Total Evaluation | \$65,000 | \$0.00 | \$13,945.13 | \$0.00 | \$0.00 | \$13,945.13 | 21.45% | | |
| Total Contracts | \$1,069,000 | \$194,132 | \$183,707 | \$0 | \$0 | \$377,839 | 35.35% | | |



Gambler's Assistance Program Request for Additional Funds



Provider/Agency Name Betty Hampton at Hampton Behavioral Health and Family Services, Inc.

Address/City/Zip: 316 East Douglas Street O'Neill, NE 68763

Current FY Contract Amt.: \$6,000 Current Capacity/ # Served: 643 served

Program Narrative: (Briefly describe reason for request, may attach additional sheet.)

- Describe program to be funded: Treatment _____ Education X Prevention X Other _____
- Describe how capacity will be expanded (# actively served, annual total)
- Clarify supporting evidence of capacity increase needed in region
- Describe advantages/ benefits to State as result of funding this service area as opposed to other service providers/service areas.

The last four years, I have provided 2 one hour lectures every six weeks at the O'Neill Valley Hope Treatment Program. Due to the limitation of \$1,000 for education and outreach, I will not be able to continue to provide this service. These lectures on gambling are open to the public and required by all patients to attend. I am not paid by Valley Hope to provide these lectures and these lectures are allowed as a courtesy. The number of patients attending these sessions is between thirty five to forty five and represent all areas of the State of Nebraska. I believe this is an important opportunity to provide education to a population more likely to be or become a problem gambler as they already have an addiction. Evidence proves there is a higher probability of problem gamblers also have or have had an addiction problem. I have been able to treat or refer patients with gambling problems to the State Gambling Assistance Program. This would provide education to approximately seventy two individuals from across the State. I am requesting additional funding for this service to the amount of \$220 or four lectures.

The last four years, I have provided a table with information on problem gambling at the local health conference. This conference provides educational credit to health professionals and therapist. This is important as health care professionals and other therapist are more likely to refer problem gamblers to treatment. I have received referrals from these professionals in the past. The conference is widely attended with attendees coming from a radius of 500 miles. Attendance at this health conference is approximately 350 individuals. I have cancelled four other outreach activities this fiscal year due to limited funding, significantly reducing the number of individuals served in this area of the State. I am requesting \$400 for ten hours of outreach, \$100 for the cost of having a table at the conference and \$100 for promotional materials and the gift provided to a participant attending the conference registering at my table. The total amount I am requesting for this conference is \$600.

Might agency administration/program staffing be adjusted to handle expansion? If so, please explain how this capacity will be addressed: There will be no change.

Requested Funding Increase: The total request of education and outreach is \$880.

Submitted by: Betty Hampton, CCGC, LIMHP, LADC of Hampton Behavioral Health and Family Services, Inc.

Submission Date: January 28, 2010

GAP Received: _____ Committee Review Date: _____ Committee Vote: _____

Approval/\$: _____

Denial/Reason: _____

GAP Response Date: _____

GAP Signature: _____

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**Gamblers Assistance Program
Request for Additional Funds
January 28, 2010**

Provider/Agency Name: Changes (Wanda Swanson)

Address: PO Box 80374, Lincoln, NE 68501

Current FY Contract amount: \$13,000.00

Current capacity/ # Served: 04

Program Narrative (briefly describe reason for request, may attach additional sheet)

In FY10, for Evaluations, Individual and Family sessions I utilized the following funds

| | |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| July, 2009 | \$3,375.00 |
| August, 2009 | \$2,520.00 |
| September, 2009 | \$1,515.00 |
| October, 2009 | \$2,077.50 |
| November, 2009 | \$1,837.50 |
| <u>December, 2009</u> | <u>\$1,440.00</u> |
| Total | \$12,765.00 |
| | \$13,000.00 |
| - | <u>12,765.00</u> |
| Balance remaining | \$235.00 |

Currently in January I continue to serve 3 clients on a regular basis and 1 a minimum of 1-2 times monthly. Two of these clients should be discharged in the next 90 days. Two clients have moved into aftercare. I have not used any funds for outreach. For the months of February and March I would like to do outreach for Problem Gambling Awareness Month in the counties of Otoe, Nemaha, Richardson, Pawnee and Gage. The southeast Nebraska area is in close proximally to casinos in the Kansas and Iowa states as well as having Nebraska Lottery, Keno and Bingo. I know once I complete outreach in my targeted area I will receive calls requesting services.

I estimate in needing a minimum of \$6,000.00 to cover the clients I currently have, a minimum of \$4,000.00 to cover future clients and a minimum of \$1,000.00 to cover outreach.

Might agency administration/program staffing be adjusted to handle expansion?

I believe I will be able to handle any additional individuals who present for treatment for problem/compulsive gambling.

Requested funding increase: \$11,000.00

Submitted by: Wanda Swanson, CCGC

Submitted date: January 28, 2010

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter,

Wanda Swanson, CCGC



Gambler's Assistance Program



Request for Additional Funds

Provider/Agency Name: Becky Green LADC, CCGC

Address/City/Zip: 1604 Road E Bradshaw, NE 68319

Current FY Contract Amt: \$6,000 Current Capacity/ # Served: 5

Program Narrative: (Briefly describe reason for request, may attach additional sheet.)

- Describe program to be funded: Treatment Education Prevention Other
- Describe how capacity will be expanded (# actively served, annual total)
- Clarify supporting evidence of capacity increase needed in region
- Describe advantages/ benefits to State as result of funding this service area as opposed to other service providers/service areas.

I am currently using approx. \$1200.00/mo. At this rate I will be out of funds by late Dec or early Jan. I anticipate I will begin seeing family members as early as Dec. I currently have 2 families committed to entering treatment. One of my clients has a physical disability (hearing loss) as well as intellectual functioning challenges which require additional time expenditures.

Might agency administration/program staffing be adjusted to handle expansion? If so, please explain how this capacity will be addressed: Yes. It will be necessary for me to have clerical assistance

Requested funding increase: \$12,000

Submitted by: Becky Green

Submission date: 11-23-09

GAP rcvd: _____ Committee review date: _____ Committee vote: _____

Approval/\$ _____

Denial/Reason _____

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GAP Response Date: _____

GAP Signature: _____



Gambler's Assistance Program Request for Additional Funds



Provider/Agency Name: Peace and Power Counseling LLC

Address/City/Zip: 6901 Dodge Street, Suite 101, Omaha, NE, 68132

Current FY Contract Amt.: 4,000 Current Capacity/ # Served: 24 current GAP clients

Program Narrative: (Briefly describe reason for request, may attach additional sheet.)

- Describe program to be funded: Treatment X Education X Prevention X Other _____
- Describe how capacity will be expanded (# actively served, annual total)
- Clarify supporting evidence of capacity increase needed in region
- Describe advantages/ benefits to State as result of funding this service area as opposed to other service providers/service areas.

19 clients have followed me to my new office. I have done 6 gambling evaluations this month for new clients. I plan, in the future, to have between 4 and 6 gambling evaluations each month. By the end of this month I will have completed 7 hours of outreach. I have done one crisis session and about 32 individual sessions so far this month. I also plan to begin a gamblers group in February or March 2010. The quantity of client's who are seeking and attending treatment at this time, and the number of referrals I have received this month with minimal advertisement show me that there are a lot of people in the Omaha area who do not know about gambling treatment. I am dedicated to providing outreach and prevention services to continue getting the word out in this community about services for gamblers and concerned others. As I do outreach in the next 6 months I plan to show a growing need for services in the community. Residents in the Omaha area have access to every form of gambling. Omaha has also been an area where not enough outreach has been done. It is imperative that we get out into the Omaha community to educate referral sources and perspective clients about the services for gamblers and their families that are being provided! I am dedicated to doing this outreach and providing treatment services to those who seek treatment and support through Peace and Power Counseling LLC.

Might agency administration/program staffing be adjusted to handle expansion? If so, please explain how this capacity will be addressed:

As my caseload increases I plan to hire another therapist. I foresee this happening before 2011 and possibly in the next 6 months.

Requested Funding Increase: \$20,000

Submitted by: Gina Fricke/Peace and Power Counseling LLC Submission Date: 1-28-10

GAP Received: _____ Committee Review Date: _____ Committee Vote: _____

Approval/\$: _____

Denial/Reason: _____

GAP Response Date: _____

GAP Signature: _____

GAP will provide response to provider within 10-14 business days of Committee meeting and/or vote.



Gambler's Assistance Program Request for Additional Funds



Provider/Agency Name: GLW Children's Council, Inc

Address/City/Zip: POB 310 Burwell, Ne 68823

Current FY Contract Amt.: \$30,000 Current Capacity/ # Served: 3 county pop-3,136/schools - 570 _____

Program Narrative: (Briefly describe reason for request, may attach additional sheet.)

- Describe program to be funded: Treatment _____ Education _____ Prevention X Other _____

- Describe how capacity will be expanded (# actively served, annual total)

GLW Children's Council, Inc. looks at the gambling abuse problem as a three-county problem, facing the entire population. Knowledge of what gambling is and isn't, is not well understood by adults or youth in our counties. Our focus is on providing information to students, but without education for their parents on more than one-time basis, we have little hope of the education being rooted. Our entire population is 3,136 and our goal is to see that each member of our communities receives information, and that we keep this information coming on a regular basis. Our schools serve 570 youth, and we are fortunate that our schools will let our Coordinator work with the staffed teachers to implement the gambling curriculum. We just finished a training seminar on gambling issues provided by NDHHS and now have a core group of teachers trained and ready to work with the Coordinator to implement strategies in grades 3-12. In order for this information to take hold, we feel that the message needs to be repeated and reinforced on an ongoing basis. With help, we are in a position to provide that message.

- Clarify supporting evidence of capacity increase needed in region

We have a part-time Coordinator at this time, but it is evident that we need a full-time coordinator in order to fulfill our anticipated yearly Action Plan and accomplish the increased goals in all three counties in a manner that can be sustained. To meet our objective of to keeping the abuse of gambling in the forefront our community, our Coordinator needs to be involved in various aspects and activities in our communities, Given the limitations of time and distance, we cannot meet this expanded mission with existing resources. Previously submitted statistics from the Nebraska Risk & Protective Factor Student Survey demonstrate the need for public education on this issue, and GLWCC has demonstrated our ability to get results by working for change. We cannot simply add additional gambling abuse to the duties of our fully-committed existing part-time staff, so our ability to meet this need will be diminished if we cannot fund a full time Coordinator.

- Describe advantages/ benefits to State as result of funding this service area as opposed to other service providers/service areas.

One of the big advantages that we have to offer to the state is the fact that we already have an established presence in our three county area, which is not served by any similar organization. We have demonstrated our ability to work with all of the three county school districts to implement prevention curriculum into the classroom. But, providing these services to the schools presents a logistical challenge. Planning and scheduling travel to Bartlett in Wheeler County (90 miles round trip) and Taylor in Loup County (35 miles round trip) can take most of the day, and you still have Burwell (Garfield County). In addition to monthly Youth Advisory Board meetings

in Burwell and Taylor and regular meetings with local government, civic, school and community groups and other organizations, we anticipate that the Coordinator will spend time working with the general public and youth of all ages. The Coordinator will also need to work on weekly web updates on the GLWCC web site as well as the 3 different school home pages so that gambling abuse issues and information are updated. Additional time will be required for research to find relevant articles and information, as well as travel and time to be involved with the activities of our Leadership youth.

In late January, 2010, our current, part time Coordinator planned and implemented a training with Maya Chilese that was attended by teachers from all three county schools, law enforcement, GLWCC staff and community volunteers (total of 18). This level of participation would not have been possible without our Coordinator, as this issue is not on the radar of most residents in our service area.. Our efforts to raise public awareness of the adverse effects of gambling abuse on children and families are beginning to take hold. Expanding our ability to carry this message to the public will benefit all of the citizens of our area and the State of Nebraska..

Might agency administration/program staffing be adjusted to handle expansion? If so, please explain how this capacity will be addressed:

The current office staff is already committed to other projects. GLWCC provides a match of an office, utilities, computer, phones fax & copy machines and a centrally known location by residents of all three counties.

Requested Funding Increase: Salary increase to full time position - \$11/hr – increase of \$12,880 and benefits of \$1, 244. (Total full time salary - \$22, 880 and benefits of \$2,596)

Submitted by: Trisha Crandall Director – GLW Children’s Council, Inc.

Submission Date: _____

GAP Received: _____ Committee Review Date: _____ Committee Vote: _____

Approval/\$: _____

Denial/Reason: _____

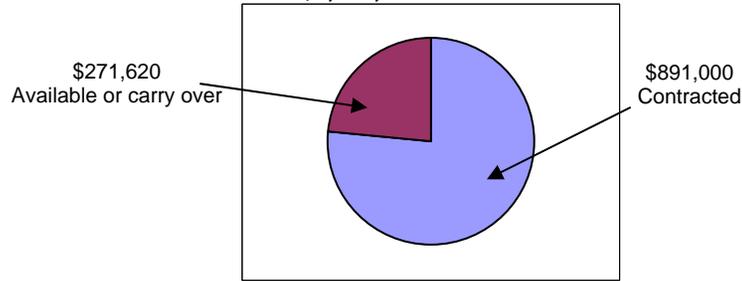
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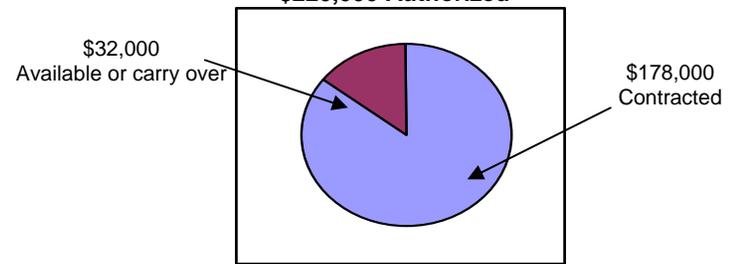
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GAP Funds Overview - as of 2/11/10

Treatment/Outreach Funds as of 1/15/10
\$1,162,620 Authorized



Prevention, Education, Awareness Funds as of 1/15/10
\$220,000 Authorized



Summary for Requests for Additional Funding*

| Requesting Agent | Current Contract | Expended through 12/31/09 | Additional Request | Justification Provided | Funding Sources |
|-----------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--|---|
| Betty Hampton | \$6000 | \$2495 | \$1880 | Increase education services available in O'Neill | <i>Prevention, Education, and Awareness Fund.</i> |
| Changes (Wanda Swanson) | \$13,000 | \$12,690 | \$15,000 | Continue treatment services and implement outreach services in Southeast NE. | <i>Treatment/Outreach Fund.</i> |
| Becky Green | \$6,500 | \$4,456 | \$12,000 | Continue treatment services established in central NE. | <i>Treatment/Outreach Fund.</i> |
| GLW Children's Council, Inc | \$30,000 | \$4,838 | \$14,324 | Increase staff availability to implement community activities | <i>Prevention, Education, and Awareness Fund.</i> |
| Peace & Power Counseling | \$4,000 | \$3750 <i>(as of 5 Feb 10)</i> | \$20,000 | Maintain treatment services and increase education/outreach services | <i>Treatment/Outreach Fund.</i> |

*Requests are based on those submitted by the deadline date of the 29th of January.

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Treatment is Available and Effective for Problem Gamblers **7th Annual Problem Gambling Awareness Week Planned for March 7-13**

Lincoln – Gambling is a fun diversion for most people but for a few, gambling can become a serious, life-altering problem that disrupts their life.

“We want to raise awareness of the consequences of problem gambling and let people know resources are available for them and their families,” said Scot Adams, director of the Division of Behavioral Health in DHHS. “Gambling *is* an addiction, but you have the chance to help yourself or a family member. Call the Nebraska helpline at 800-522-4700.”

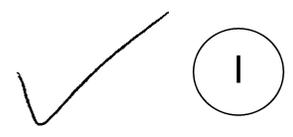
The Gambling Assistance Program (GAP) focuses on reducing the prevalence of problem gambling in Nebraska.” In FY 2008-09:

- GAP provided approximately \$700,000 for outpatient treatment services, serving approximately 250 people affected by gambling addictions.
- Over 500 hours of gambling-related training was provided to health professionals.
- GAP contracted with over 15 entities to provide direct treatment, education, and helpline services to address gambling addictions in Nebraska.

“In order to make a positive impact in the community, we need to be sure that the individuals and families, who are in need of our services can access them,” said Steve Jung, Chairperson for the State Committee on Problem Gambling. “Treatment works, and it’s available in your area.”

Information on gambling prevention and treatment programs is available by calling the national helpline at 1-800-522-4700 or going to www.dhhs.ne.gov/networkofcare/ or www.dhhs.ne.gov/beh/BHDirectory08.pdf. These are free services available through Nebraska Lottery funds and are not tax-funded.

He said the Problem Gambling Helpline can be used by anyone. In FY 2008-09, the Helpline handled 2,133 calls, an average of 178 per month, providing information, crisis intervention, and referral services.”



LR 277 CA Satellite Facilities Constitutional Amendment

- Amends Article III, section 24 of the Nebraska Constitution.
- A Constitutional Amendment is needed because currently the Constitution states that wagering must take place within an enclosed racetrack. This change would not expand the type of wagering currently allowed, it would only allow for it to take place at locations other than an enclosed racetrack.
- Under the Constitutional Amendment, the local political subdivision must approve the operation and location for the satellite facility prior to any facilities operating. This is a similar process to how Keno is currently done.
- The issue would be placed on the general election ballot in November 2010 for the voters of Nebraska to decide.
- The Constitutional Amendment does not expand the types of gaming currently available in Nebraska and would have no affect on Native American gaming.
- Estimated revenue to horseracing is an additional \$6,000,000. Currently, horseracing is receiving \$12,000,000. This additional revenue could be used to build a new track in Lincoln to replace the track that will be lost in 2012 and to enhance purses.
- After passage by the Legislature and the people of Nebraska, the Legislature would have to pass the enabling legislation. (This currently is LB 825)
- Of the 30 states that allow for wagering on horseracing, 24 of them allow for wagering at locations other then the racetrack. The 6 states that don't allow satellite wagering allow slot machines or card rooms at the racetracks.

 This will be the vehicle for an amendment to include a 10% set-aside for the Compulsive Gamblers Assistance Fund.

Others on the 2010 watchlist:
 LR 296 CA w/ LB 985 Charitable Poker
 LB 1023 - Redefine terms for WE County + City Lottery Act
 LB 765 - Change provisions to the Criminal Code.