



Nebraska State Committee on Problem Gambling
County Inn & Suites – 5353 North 27th Street, Lincoln, NE 68521
November 13, 2009 - 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes



Purpose & Duration:

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, Carol Berglund, Dennis Buckley, Carmen Engelhardt, Janet French, Ed Hoffman, Steve Jung, Dennis McNeilly, Steve Sloup.

Committee Members Absent:

Sherrie Geier, John Hill, Kenneth Timmerman.

DHHS-Division of Behavioral Health Staff Attending:

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

Public Attendees:

Becky Green, Deb Hammond, Jolene Johns-Beckstrom, Lynn Nagorski, Mike Sullivan.

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 August 21, 2009 were approved by general consent (Attachment B).

III. Approval of Agenda:

The Agenda for November 13, 2009 was approved by general consent (Attachment C).

IV. Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for CCGCs – Maya Chilese:

- a. The process was noted for the Committee by the Compulsive Gambling Counselor Certification Advisory Board (Board). The memo and accompanying handout the Board gave the Committee described CEU requirements, how the approval process occurs and what the Division's role is in this process (Attachment D).
 1. Maya Chilese said the Division has the responsibility for monitoring the CEU process based upon the current regulations. Because many facilitators don't seek pre-approval for gambling CEUs, clinicians must seek the approval themselves.
 2. A Committee member noted that the process seemed a little backwards, but it was explained that faculty of non-problem gambling specific courses are not generally aware of CCGCs and the need to seek pre-approval for the courses.
 3. CEUs seem to be geared to people in other professions. There is, however, an effort to share information about courses that become available. The challenge comes when options become available in other states, where it may be up to the course facilitator to obtain CEU approval.
 4. It was suggested the CCGCs ask course facilitators to seek CEU approval.
 5. Eric Hunsberger said that 70% of training opportunities, such as the Midwest Conference and the National Conference on Problem Gambling, are pre-approved.

V. Strategic Planning Update – Eric Hunsberger:

- a. Eric presented the Strategic Planning Process (SPP) coordinating draft (Attachment E). The draft is subject to change by the Committee. The Committee was asked to approve the timeline and three related tasks:
 1. To secure services from an individual who understands the SPP and is an experienced facilitator.

2. To identify stakeholders such as service providers, Committee members, state personnel and others to participate in the SPP. Caution should be used to create an appropriately sized working group.
 3. To ensure that the SPP working group remains consistent through the entire process, and that it include at least two members from the SCPG Committee.
- b. The intent is to publish a strategic plan by 2011, because the current plan expires on June 30, 2010. The focus will be on treatment; increasing public awareness; exploring interagency collaboration and partnerships; and regular review and/or use of national trends, licensing initiatives and laws to help problem gambling consumers. Management of the process should dovetail with the regular meetings of the SCPG Committee.
 - c. Too many people participated in creating the current plan. Several sub-groups were assigned tasks, but the sub-group membership changed at each planning meeting. There was no consistency in the attendance or the work product. This is why a member recommended identifying a facilitator who has demonstrated experience in both the process and the subject matter. The idea to host a legislative breakfast resulted from the development of the current plan.
 - d. Vicki Maca asked if the Committee might contract with an individual to work with the Ad Hoc Committee. The response was that it would be good to have guidance to get things started and moving in the right direction.
 - e. Ed Hoffman asked if there was anyone within DHHS who has this type of experience. Eric said this is something that could be explored. Ed also asked about the number of meetings it took to get the final timeline. The meetings would be spread over a six-month period, and the information would be brought back to the SCPG Committee.
 - f. It was suggested that the timeline for the SPP be coordinated with Committee meeting dates. Steve Jung said that it's only three months until the next SCPG meeting, and no meetings for the Ad Hoc Committee could be scheduled. The Committee will approve the draft, with the understanding that there will be adjustments in February. At the May or August meetings, specific topics should be addressed. If there isn't enough time, the planning timeline can be re-done or edited or both. SPP will be the guide for the Committee and its processes once it is finished.

Action: The Committee voted to approve the Coordinating Draft with the Ad Hoc Committee composed of three members from SCPG: John Bekins, Janet French and Ed Hoffman. Deb Hammond of Choices volunteered to participate, and Jerry Bauerkemper, from NCCG, will be asked to join, as well.

VI. Funding Requests & Fiscal Update - Eric Hunsberger & Karen Harker:

- a. The Executive Committee approved an emergency funding request from Sue Huebner (Attachment F). Sue is a long-time provider from Lutheran Family Services in North Platte. This agency failed to participate in the RFP process last year. Sue has clients who are currently in need of treatment, so the Executive Committee agreed to provide funding for Sue Huebner in the amount of \$5,000.
- b. Steve Jung asked for a Committee approval of the Executive Committee's action.

Action: The Committee voted to approve the Executive Committee's actions on behalf of Sue Huebner.

- c. Another request for funding from an individual in the Omaha area was distributed. The request is from a private provider, who was previously associated with Heartland Counseling. There is a small percentage of services that could be provided by someone other than the two major providers in the Omaha area, Heartland Family Services and Spence Counseling, whose funds appear to be underutilized. The request is for \$4,000. The funds are available for this individual, since not all funds awarded to the other providers are fully used.
- d. A member asked if there is a standard hourly rate that providers use. Eric replied that the Provider Manual includes this information. If the requested funds are not enough for this provider, funds may have to be re-allocated. The plan is to look at this process on an individual basis.
- e. Vicki Maca asked if this decision would create the impression that the Committee could influence an individual to leave an agency and establish a private practice in order to receive separate funding. Might this create a trend? Agencies might downsize and fund individual providers for services. Steve

stated that providers in western Nebraska are primarily private providers, and there are funds available if an individual goes out to treat rural consumers. In large communities like Lincoln and Omaha, there is not a great deal of wiggle room, but that could change. It all depends on how an agency is used and if funds are underutilized.

- f. A member asked if the individual provider who is requesting funds has clients who intend to seek treatment from this provider. The agency would be responsible to insure that individuals seeking treatment get services. However, this individual provider, who is striking out on her own, has stated that there are about thirty individual consumers who may stay remain under her care at this time. Carmen Englehardt voiced concern that individuals seeking or wanting to continue treatment would fall through the cracks, if this individual provider is not funded.
- g. \$157,000 is available and only \$4,000 is being requested at this time. Emergency Committee funds would be available if asked for at a later time – there are funds available for this purpose. The \$4,000 figure represents the amount of money that is designated but unused in the Region 6 service area.
- h. Eric asked Karen Harker, who provides fiscal support to the Division, to address funding (Attachments H & G). Karen confirmed that there is about \$157,000 in spending authority. For revenue and cash on-hand there is a time lag because of billing cycles. The GAP started the current fiscal year with about \$800,000 in the bank. Revenue projections help cover the spending authority for the year.
- i. Steve clarified that the payout from lottery sales starts with the first \$500,000 plus an additional one percent of the profits in the first quarter of the fiscal year. The Gamblers Assistance Fund then receives one percent of the lottery's profits in each of the remaining quarters of each fiscal year. Karen stated that spending is at 33.7% for the year – total expenditures are at only 28% for the year. Contracts are still being processed and, as requested by the Committee, the appropriation from the Health Care Cash Fund, is being spent first in order to avoid an unused fund balance at the end of the fiscal year.
- j. Sherrie Geier asked Steve to confirm the status of the GAP's Health Care Cash Fund appropriation. Karen confirmed that no identified cuts have yet been made in the budget cutting special legislative session.
- k. An inquiry was made about Rob Walton's billings and provider status. Rob Walton is in transition to another profession and has not sent any billings. He is aware that after 90 days, if no billings are submitted, he will not receive payment. Steve asked that a detailed status on Rob's actions be presented to the Committee in February 2010.
- l. Karen assured the Committee that there were enough funds to cover Sue Huebner's contract and Gina Fricke's new private provider funding request.

VII. Officer Election for Committee – Steve Jung:

- a. The positions to be filled are the chairperson, vice chairperson and secretary/treasurer. Steve Jung suggested that members use either a written or voice nominating and voting procedure. The elections are for a two-year term, and members cannot hold the same office for more than three consecutive terms.
 - b. It was asked if members who were not present could be nominated. Steve said yes, and added that it has been done in the past. Attachment A and the Committee Bylaws provided information about the responsibilities of each office.
 - c. Carol Berglund submitted her resignation, effective as of the date of this meeting and thanked everyone for the experience.
 - d. Eric Hunsberger commented on the Bylaws and the expiration of members' terms, and the impact this might have on the election process.
 - e. After some discussion, it was decided that the members, who currently hold the three offices, should be asked to stay in their respective positions. A motion was made to re-elect Steve Jung as chair, Sherrie Geier as vice chair and Dennis McNeilly as secretary/treasurer. The members agreed to a voice vote, and each position was voted on separately.
- Action:** The Committee voted unanimously to approve the re-election of the current chair, vice chair and secretary/treasurer for another two-year term.

VIII. GAP Program Report - Eric Hunsberger:

- a. Prevention Contract - the Committee wanted deliverables and contracts in place with Garfield and Lancaster County. The training that is to be implemented on school-based curriculum is on task.

- b. Press Release - The press release for the Program Report from last day in August (Attachment I) has some great data. However, how it was presented to the public raised some questions, and might have made it seem like the average gambling debt is about \$20,000. This is actually a statewide figure and does not mean that each person who seeks treatment averages such a debt. Dr. Scot Adams and Jerry Bauerkemper, director of the Nebraska Council on Compulsive Gambling (NCCG), followed up with answers to reporters' questions.
- c. Dennis Buckley's Article: Eric thanked Dennis for his published report.
- d. Billboards and Radio (Attachment J) – A proposal has been approved for this fiscal year to spend \$20,000 on billboard and radio ads with messages intended to reach hidden populations who may be in need of services. Billboards have been used in the past, and the vinyls that were used in the past are still available. The billboards will display the national helpline number, and the time frame projected for the billboard posting is from January 15 to April 30th – This time frame will cover the Super Bowl, March Madness and Problem Gambling Awareness Week in March. The rates of utilization, and the correlation between helpline calls and billboard locations are on the back of Attachment J. Dawson, Kearney and Buffalo counties have had more calls, since there is a new provider in place in that area, so this area is a key spot for ads and billboards. It was reported that there are three casinos in South Dakota and Kansas.
- e. Steve Jung stated that members should discuss radio ad and billboards, and then vote on them separately. Steve thought there were eight billboards and not seven as Attachment J shows. He thought that two billboards might be needed in the North Platte area, as well as one in the northeast corner of Nebraska by South Sioux City. There is a riverboat in that area, but no billboard was planned for that location.
- f. The intent of the billboards was questioned. The intent is to reach problem gamblers on the way to or from a gambling venue. The radio ads are targeted at gamblers and their family members. Ed Hoffman noted that the map shows there is nothing in Douglas County. The ads there should refer to Iowa and the outlying areas. Carmen added that in smaller communities, persons in need can't find any information except in phone books, so the ads would get the most "bang for bucks" in these areas. In response to additional questions about the need for billboards and radio spots, Steve pointed to the example of O'Neill. Why are there billboards? There is a gambling venue an hour away in South Dakota.
- g. It was suggested that perhaps a better graphic than the current Nebraska map on Attachment J should show the surrounding states and gambling venues in them, such as those in South Dakota, Kansas, and the riverboat casinos in Iowa and Missouri. Steve described how he was asked to testify, at his committee appointment confirmation hearing before the legislature, about how Nebraskans gamble and lose their money in other states and then come home broke to Nebraska to seek treatment.
- h. Mike Sullivan, provider in Norfolk, and Betty Hampton, provider in O'Neill, can confirm travel routes for gamblers. Ninety-five percent of the consumers Mike sees in Norfolk and the surrounding communities gamble at casinos in the Sioux City area, Sloan, and the boats there. Casino billboards north on Highway 81 and east towards Wayne entice folks to head to the casinos. Those would be ideal places to put public awareness billboards.
- i. Ed asked Mike his opinions about ads. Mike said they are a great idea, since a lot of folks don't know that there is help available in the area, and that counter ads would be very good.
- j. Becky Green, who serves Grand Island and Hastings, pointed out that there is a lot of home sports betting, scratch tickets, keno parlors and a lot of people are using on-line gambling, too.
- k. Eric reported that 1300 radio spots will be played from January to April. Radio messages can be more successful by being specifically targeted to each area of the state. Radio is another way to reach the population that needs services.
- l. Ed stated that his business has been approached to sponsor a package of radio spots. Is this how the problem gambling spots work? Eric answered that yes, the ads are a package deal and are designed to run during the Super Bowl and March Madness. Carmen will evaluate the spots, as there are different messages - some geared to the gambler, and some geared to the gambler's family members. She will have the responsibility to critique these spots prior to their airing and have the ability to make changes, as needed.
- m. Scot Adams asked about marketing questions and to keep in mind during this next fiscal year that the state is not the only entity promoting marketing, as providers are also doing this. We might need to

get an expert, share information, get data and get providers' input on these questions.

- n. A motion was made to sponsor billboards and radio spots, with Carmen Englerhardt overseeing and critiquing the content.

Action: The Committee voted unanimously, but separately, to approve the radio ad spots and billboards to identify signs of problem gambling and ways to access treatment services.

IX. Licensure Actions – Mike Sullivan:

- a. Last year the Committee and the GAP chose to pursue a licensure application via the 407 Process. The purpose of the application was to change the credentialing of problem gambling counselors from a certification to a licensing status. The initial review said it the application met the criteria, so it went to the second stage of the review process. The Board of Health passed the application on to Chief Medical Officer Dr. Joann Schaefer, M.D. Dr. Schaefer approved two of the four criteria. Her recommendation was to consider pursuing an umbrella licensure with drug and alcohol counselors. The consensus was to give strong weight to this and, in an attempt to follow through on Dr. Schaefer's recommendation, to discuss the recommendation with LADCs. To that end, Dr. Schaefer will be asked for a letter of support, and members will be contacted to form an ad hoc committee to integrate drug and alcohol, and problem gambling.
- b. The ad hoc substance abuse/drug & alcohol/problem gambling would have to have a sub-committee for each discipline.
- c. Possible impediments are that LADC's licensing and credentials were hard won over many years. Will they want to broaden their license? Getting professional who are licensed in both areas to participate would be helpful.
- d. Are other states doing this? No.
- e. Scot stated that other states would be watching to see what we are doing. The danger is in the differences and what is specific to each. It's important to energize the conversation. There is no experience in this, so we would be feeling our way in the dark. Often people who seek help for an addiction have more than one problem, so this would encourage the process. Mike agreed with this and said that good would come out of this process. He will continue to report on the process.

Break for Lunch

X. Site Visits – Eric Hunsberger:

- a. Site visits will be conducted for Crossroads & Heartland Family Services, and reports on the visits will be given in February.
- b. Heartland Family Services is working with the Department of Probation on piloting a ten-week program to look at gambling addiction. This would cost \$60 instead of the \$150 for assessment of the problem before going back to the community.
- c. Request for Proposals (RFP) for prevention, and the helpline and training. Three members are needed to form an ad hoc committee to help guide the process. It was asked if there will be significant changes in the proposals. There are changes in the prevention programs' activities and funding, so there will have to be changes in the proposal for this subject. The ad hoc committee will have a minimum of two, two-hour meetings to look at services that are available to be bid, publish the requirement for prevention, sustainability, etc. Members who would like to volunteer to should contact Eric via e-mail.
- d. Steve Jung asked if anyone had asked to provide alternatives to the existing helpline and training. Eric said that there is nothing official. Steve said that one of the things to consider for the RFP would be to see if they want to split the helpline and training proposals.

XI. Future Committee Dates – Eric Hunsberger:

- a. Eric recommended February 12, May 7, August 13 and November 5, 2010. May 21 was chosen instead of May 7. The dates were approved.

XII. Next Committee Meeting: February 12, 2010. Agenda items will include reporting on contracts, the status report on RFP/RFA and strategic planning, as well as any additional requests for funding. Also, Dennis suggested that it would be helpful to move the fiscal report before dealing with requests for additional funding, and that a visual representation of finances, like a pie chart with amounts, would be helpful. Steve remembered that Sherrie Geier sent him articles about the Nebraska State Educational

Association (NSEA)'s desire for a larger share of lottery profits and greater legislative attention to the appropriations made from the Health Care Cash Fund. The NSEA has been lobbying for more lottery dollars for the Tuition Reimbursement Program. This would take funds from GAP, which has to be just as aggressive. How to do this? Not sure at this point, but the Committee needs to be prepared to defend its need for the current level of funding from the lottery.

XIII. Provider Reports – Becky Green:

- a. Becky Green is a LADC and has CCGC certification. She is also about to run out of funds. It was slow before, but calls for treatment increase from September through November. By January 2010 she will have to apply for additional funds. Referrals have been coming from Horizon Recovery, and networking with licensed Mental Health professionals has been successful, because Becky has a time-share with a psychologist and the Central NE Council. She has experienced a lot of support in the Grand Island area.
- b. Eric commended Becky for her work in that area. She anticipates a pretty constant level of activity, a need to work with families of clients, and seeing more need for services and continuing referrals.
- c. When asked if she will be exceeding her contract, Becky replied that she expects to, because the months of September and October just exploded.
- d. Carmen Englehardt said she predicted that this would happen as people in the area discovered that Becky was providing services.
- e. Becky stated that she sees three clients on an active basis, and one, a problem gambling client, has three jobs so it is hard to connect with him. She spends a couple of hours traveling for clients. There are two in Grand Island and one in Hastings.
- f. When asked why a provider who has to bill within 30 days would lapse in billing, Becky replied that she is not comfortable enough with the billing process and not very computer literate. The state billing system is easier than Magellan, which has its own system and which is difficult to use.
- g. Ed Hoffman asked to see the billing process, perhaps via print screen, to see what providers see.
- h. Eric tried to take responsibility for the lack of tech support, but Becky replied that her questions are often late in the evening or on weekends.
- i. Also in defense of the state, Deb Hammond stated that training is in progress to help providers learn to use Magellan.
- j. Eric confirmed that training is scheduled with Magellan in December.

XIV. Public Comment/Discussion:

- Deb Hammond stated that the strategic planning process is important, and that it's important to interact with the legislature as there is no guarantee that the expected \$250,000 from the Health Care Cash Fund will be appropriated every year. The most accurate data possible from the state, community, providers and people who received treatment are needed. Percentages show that 55% of problem gambling takes place in casinos, and 45% in keno, internet and sports. There is a risk in underground activities, such as sports betting, poker parties and keno. It is important to note that a 17 year old just won the World Poker Tour. With the number of jobs that are being lost, there is an increase in lack of treatment. Deb noted that there is a current scam focusing on the elderly dealing with check cashing - three cases recently surfaced, and the attorney general is working on them.
- Ed Hoffman asked how to proceed with the strategic planning. Deb replied that it will be important to avoid using as large a planning group as was used to develop the current plan.

XV. Meeting Adjourned: Meeting concluded at 1:30 p.m.

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



TO: Nebraska State Committee on Problem Gambling

FROM: Sue Huebner and Harlan Vogel, Compulsive Gambling Counselor Certification Advisory Board

DATE: October 8, 2009

RE: Criteria for Continuing Education Units Approval

The attached document describes the criteria and process used by the Division to approve Continuing Education Units (CEUs) for Provisional and Certified Compulsive Gambling Counselors in accordance with Title 201 NAC Regulations (current until December 31, 2009) and Title 206 NAC Regulations (effective January 1, 2010).

All courses must meet the criteria listed under number 1 on the following page to be approved. In addition to the criteria, the Gamblers Assistance Program must receive all the pertinent information listed under number 2 for the course to be eligible for CEU credit.

The Compulsive Gambling Committee Certification Advisory Board approves of the regulations for CEU requirements and of the Division process used for CEU approval. The Certification Board reviews these criteria annually for quality assurance purposes and to ensure state and federally recognized competencies are being achieved.

Criteria for Approval of Continuing Education Units for Provisional and Certified Compulsive Gambling Counselors

The following information details the criteria that must be met for a course to qualify as a Continuing Education Unit (CEU) for all Provisional and Certified Compulsive Gambling Counselors in accordance with current Regulations. Approved continuing education means: courses, seminars, workshops, lectures, institutes, distance learning or training programs, that pertain to the clinical knowledge, competency and skill base associated with problem gambling counseling.

1. To be approved as a CEU a course must meet the following requirements:
 - The course is at least one hour of instructional/presentation time.
 - The course is formal, structured training with objectives pertaining to the clinical knowledge and skill base associated with the performance of problem gambling counseling.
 - Content is at a level which contributes to the development of the clinical knowledge, skill and competency of a problem gambling counselor.
 - Presenters of the course are qualified by education, experience and/ or training.
 - The course is open to all problem gambling counselors certified by the Division who meet the prerequisites.
 - The course providers have a process for monitoring, verifying, and documenting attendance.

2. In order for a course to be Division approved, the following information must be submitted to the Gamblers Assistance Program. (Usually this information can be found within the course brochure.)
 - The title of the program;
 - A copy of the program agenda indicating actual presentation times, lunch, and breaks;
 - A description of the program content and learning objectives;
 - A description of the qualifications of each presenter, including their education, experience and training that qualifies each presenter to present the program;
 - The number of continuing education hours for which approval is requested;
 - The name, address, and telephone number of the facilitator, and a contact person representing the facilitator, if applicable;
 - A description of the process the provider will use to document and monitor attendance;
 - The date, time, town/city, state, and location of the program.

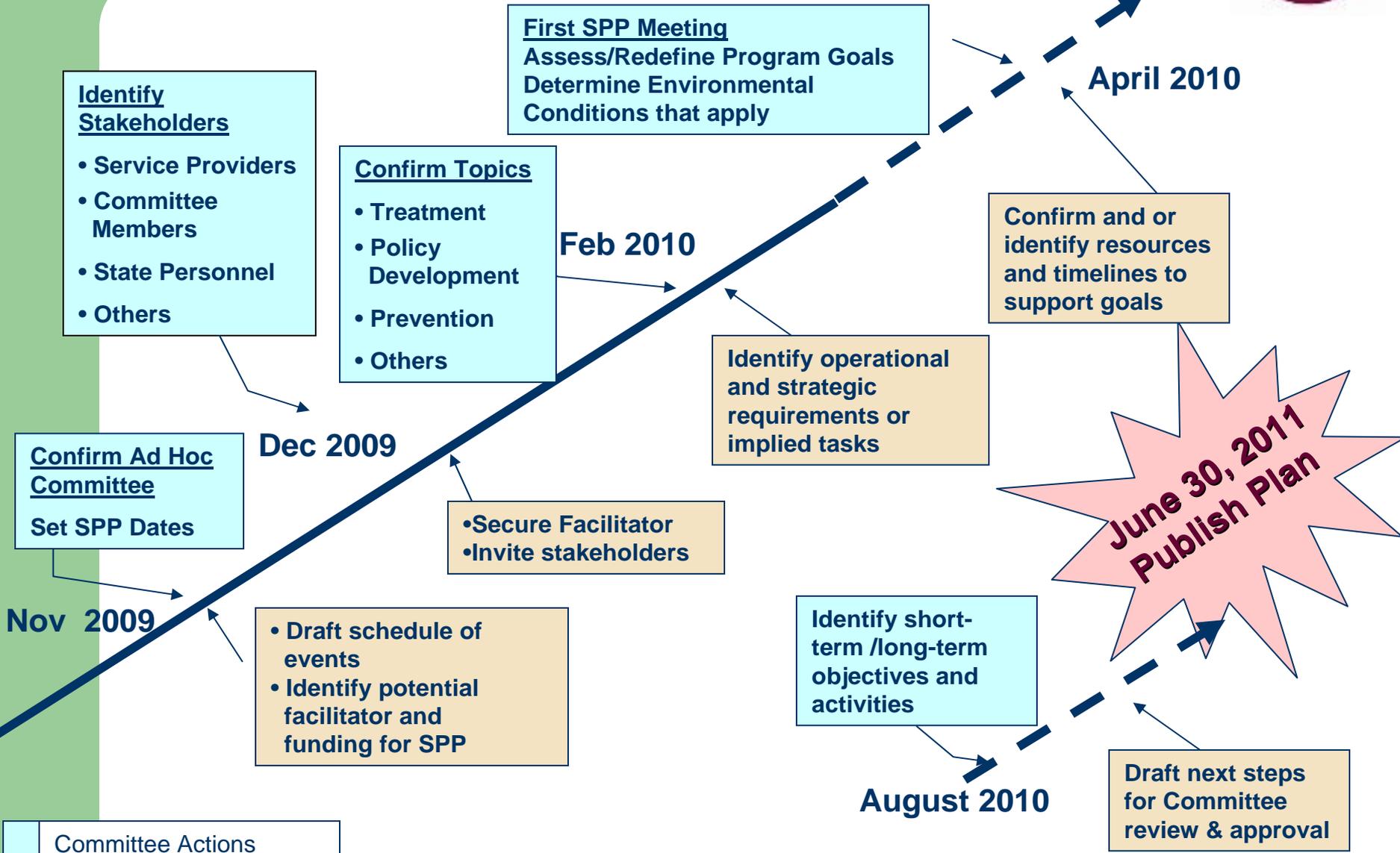
3. Clinician or facilitator seeking course approval must utilize Division form and submit 30 days prior to course date to be considered for approval. Courses not submitted and approved prior to attending may not be applicable toward certification renewal.

4. Courses submitted to fulfill the CEU requirements for certification renewal that have not been Division approved in advance, will not be accepted.

Strategic Planning Process (SPP) Tentative Timeline



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	Committee Actions
	Program Responsibilities

Coordinating DRAFT as of October 28, 2009

Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, Inc.

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September 8, 2009

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Dear Eric,

Last Spring Lutheran Family Services missed their opportunity to renew the grant to work with compulsive gamblers. Unfortunately Dave Lund called after the dead line but Maya indicated that I could utilize grant money as a private provider. Recently I've had several calls regarding services for compulsive gambling counseling as well as calls from District 11 Probation and Region II wondering if I can still access grant money. Therefore I'm writing a proposal to meet the needs of compulsive gamblers, their families and others at risk throughout the mid-section of Nebraska. I realize that the committee that approves providers doesn't meet until November, but feel that it's important that I get started with these consumers as soon as possible.

I've already agreed to see one consumer who is at risk for violating his probation because he hasn't been in counseling for his gambling problem. As mentioned earlier I also received a call from Region II in Lexington inquiring about compulsive gambling treatment. While returning this call it became evident to me that it would be possible to develop another group in the North Platte area in order to meet consumer needs.

My proposal includes giving assessments as needed as well as individual and family therapy. In addition to this as mentioned above I would like to have funds for a group and also outreach money to be able to go into IOP substance abuse groups. Currently at LFS we have an adult CD IOP group, an adult CD group and we are planning to apply to Magellan in order to provide services for an adolescent IOP. My intentions are to go into the IOPs once every 6 weeks and then go into the adult CD group whenever they have enough new members, about every 2 months. I feel that we may be able to assess 4 new consumers over the rest of this fiscal year, provide appropriate services for them that would include individual, family therapy and/or group sessions.

In order to be able to provide the above services I'm asking for \$5000 to be used as needed, using the standardized rates we were operating off in the past with no more than \$1000 of that going toward outreach. If you have any questions regarding my proposal, please give me a call. I talked to Maya last week and she stated you can go to her also



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and ask questions about our conversation. It's good to have you back, safe and sound and working on the compulsive gambler's program. Hope to hear from you soon and plan on seeing you at the next certification board meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sue Huebner", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sue Huebner, M.S., L.M.H.P., C.C.G.C.
Therapist

Department of Health and Human Services

Division of Behavioral Health



Gambler's Assistance Program



Request for Additional Funds

Provider/Agency Name: Sue Huebner
 Address/City/Zip: 120 East 12th St North Platte NE 69101
 Current FY Contract Amt. _____ Current Capacity/ # Served: _____

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.

Provide treatment for individual compulsive gamblers and their families. In the next 9 month period I hope to work w/ 5 new clients in both individual, family & group work. The group will be dependent on whether or not I can get enough clients. Education & prevention work will occur in a group setting including CD-TOP and an adult CD group. The TOP group will have 1 education session every 2 weeks and the CD group will occur about every 2 to 3 weeks depending on how many new members come. There is also the possibility of getting involved with an adolescent TOP group. This could be as many as 18 education group presentations.

see next page.

Might agency administration/program staffing be adjusted to handle expansion? If so, please explain how this capacity will be addressed: I will be doing all therapy and education/prevention.

9/30 just found out we are approved for the adolescent TOP so it will help educate teens.

Requested funding increase: \$ 5000.00

Submitted by: Sue Huebner, NGL MAP CCGC

Submission date: 9/28/09

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

Approval/\$ _____

Denial/Reason _____

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

GAP Response Date: _____

GAP Signature: _____

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

Percent of Time Elapsed 33.70%
Percent Elapsed- Bi-weekly Admin 33.33%

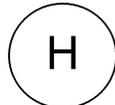
Expenditures

	<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	\$44,786	44.53%	\$179,703	20.20%	\$43,242	21.67%	\$133,663	57.13%	\$401,395	28.19%
Unexpended	\$55,800		\$710,094		\$156,284		\$100,294		\$1,022,472	
Unallocated Budget									\$162,620	

Revenues

	<u>Administration Fund 21750 and Fund 22640</u>	<u>Lottery Revenue (Fund 21750)</u>	<u>Prevention Education Awareness (Fund 21750)</u>	<u>Health Care Cash (Fund 22640)</u>	<u>Grand Total</u>
Beginning Balance	25,586	537,346	219,507	17,193	\$799,632
Receipts YTD	75,010	572,183	81,208	225,000	\$953,401
Interest	380	5,580	1,512	0	\$7,473
Total Available	100,976	1,115,109	302,227	242,193	\$1,760,505
Expenditures	\$44,786	\$179,703	\$43,242	\$133,663	\$401,395
Ending Balance	\$56,190	\$935,406	\$258,985	\$108,530	\$1,359,111

**Gamblers' Assistance Program Statement of Contracts
As of November 13, 2009**



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				21,943.75	17.63%	18.00	Lottery, Healthcare
Choices	\$224,000	58,992.50				58,992.50	26.34%	33.67	Lottery, Healthcare
Spence Counseling	\$160,000	36,472.50				36,472.50	22.80%	24.67	Lottery, Healthcare
Heartland Family Services	\$176,000	40,713.10				40,713.10	23.13%	78.33	Lottery, Healthcare
CrossRoads	\$21,000	2,850.00				2,850.00	13.57%	3.00	Lottery
Total Agencies	\$705,500	160,971.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	160,971.85	22.82%		
Private Providers									
Michael Sullivan	\$43,000	11,850.00				11,850.00	27.56%	10.67	Lottery
Robert Walton	\$4,000	0.00				0.00	0.00%		Lottery
Richard Landrigan	\$30,000	5,105.00				5,105.00	17.02%	8.00	Lottery
Wanda Swanson	\$13,000	7,335.00				7,335.00	56.42%	4.33	Lottery
Betty Hampton	\$4,000	1,200.00				1,200.00	30.00%	1.67	Lottery
Lisa Johnson	\$10,000	2,775.00				2,775.00	27.75%	2.00	Lottery
Rebecca Green	\$6,500	375.00				375.00	5.77%	2.00	Lottery
Sue Huebner	\$5,000					0.00	0.00%		Not Yet Complete
Total Private Providers	\$115,500	28,640.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,640.00	24.80%		
NCCG	\$215,000	51,000.00				51,000.00	23.72%		Lottery, Education
Prevention/ Education Contracts									
First Step	\$4,000	495.00				495.00	12.38%		Education
Choices	\$4,000	730.00				730.00	18.25%		Education
Heartland Family Services	\$4,000	745.00				745.00	18.63%		Education
CrossRoads	\$4,000	770.00				770.00	19.25%		Education
Spence	\$4,000	140.00				140.00	3.50%		Education
Richard Landrigan	\$2,000	55.00				55.00	2.75%		Education
Betty Hampton	\$2,000	310.00				310.00	15.50%		Education
Garfield Wheeler Loop	\$35,000								Not Yet Complete
Lancaster County	\$35,000								Not Yet Complete
Total Prevention	\$94,000	3,245.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,245.00	3.45%		
Evaluation Contracts									
Michael Sullivan- Licensing	\$5,000					0.00	0.00%		Not Yet Complete
University Public Policy Center	\$50,000					0.00	0.00%		Not Yet Complete
Magellan- Two Years	\$10,000					0.00	0.00%		Healthcare
Total Evaluation	\$65,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%		
Total Contracts	\$1,195,000	\$243,856.85	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$243,856.85	20.41%		

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Gamblers Assistance Program Annual Report is Issued

Lincoln – Nebraskans are racking up an average gambling debt of \$26,722, according to the annual report for the Nebraska Gamblers Assistance Program (GAP) in the Department of Health and Human Services.

“This gambling debt is more than 50 per cent of the average income in our state,” said Scot Adams, director of the DHHS Division of Behavioral Health. “Some people are experiencing significant financial difficulties as a result of problem gambling.”

The 24-hour Problem Gambling Helpline handled 2,133 calls in fiscal year 2008-2009, an average of 178 per month. The number of calls asking for information or help because of financial problems resulting from gambling increased from 20 percent in 2008 to 47 percent in 2009.

The Problem Gambling Helpline provides information, crisis intervention, and referrals. Operators can transfer callers directly to treatment providers in or near the caller’s community if requested.

“The good news is that help is available. GAP funded approximately \$700,000 for outpatient treatment services, serving approximately 250 people affected by gambling addictions,” said Steve Jung, chair of the State Committee on Problem Gambling. “It also provides statewide training for problem gambling counseling professionals.

Other information from the 2008-2009 annual report:

- The average age of someone receiving services was 42.8 years, with 57.1 percent male and 42.9 percent female.
- Males who were treated for gambling were significantly younger (40.5 years old) than females who received treatment (46 years old).
- Over 500 hours of gambling-related training was provided to health professionals.

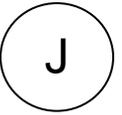
Information about problem gambling is available at:

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www.nebraskacouncil.com

www.ncpgambling.org

Billboard/Radio Proposals



Billboards

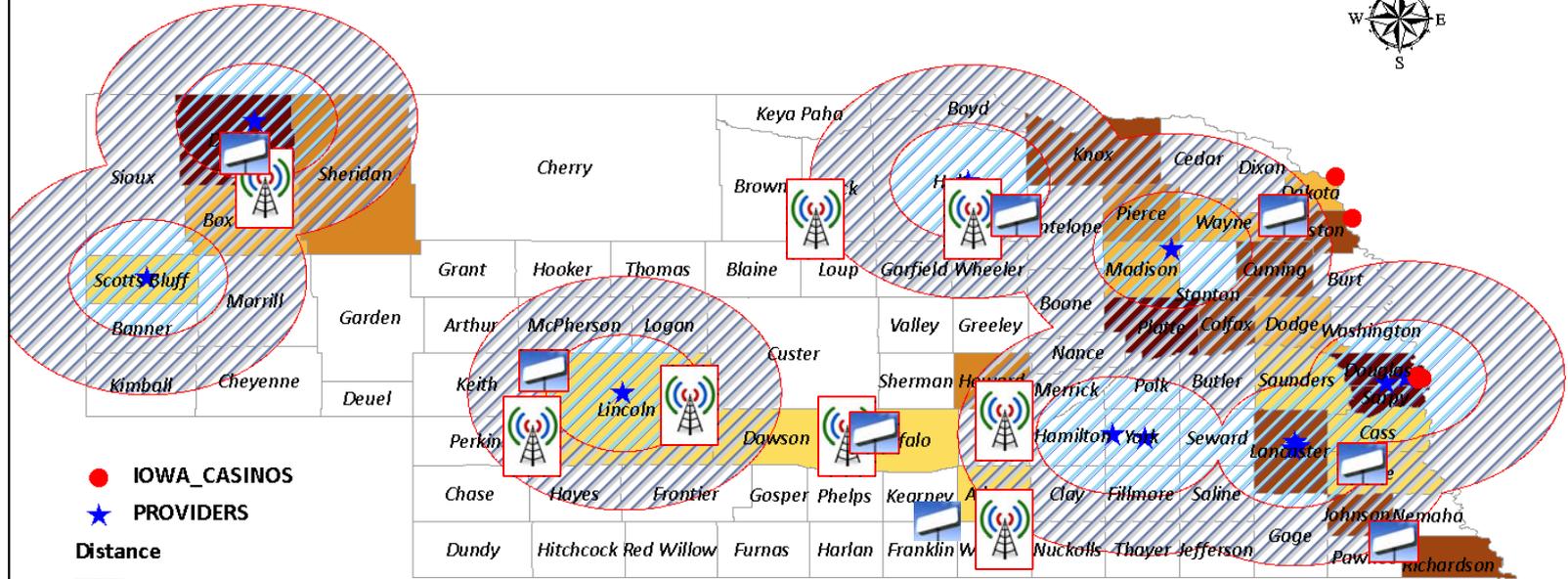
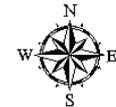
- National Gambling Helpline Displayed
 - 1-800-522-4700
 - ***Vinyls in stock from previous years***
- Schedule:
 - January 15th through April 15th
- Locations:
 - North Platte
 - Norfolk
 - Chadron
 - ***Auburn***
 - ***Nebraska City***
 - ***Grand Island***
 - ***O'Neil***
- Proposed Cost Estimate
 - Funds dedicated \$10,000

Radio

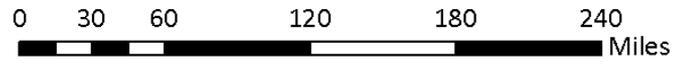
- Air 30-second spots and 10-second radio billboards for seven weeks on customized NRN network stations (map attached).
- Schedule:
 - January: Two weeks of NRN sports radio billboards (:10) + one week of spots (:30) build to Super Bowl
 - March: Four weeks of spots (:30) throughout NCAA tournament
 - April: One week during Final Four (:30) + Two weeks of NRN sports radio billboards (:10)
- Summary:
 - **Total weeks on air** (including spots and radio billboards): 10 weeks
 - **Total number of spots delivered locally across Nebraska:** 1,30
- Proposed Cost
 - Funds dedicated \$10,000

Location Overview

Location of Providers, Helpline Phone Calls per 100,000 People
& 25-50 miles Buffer
YEAR 2008



- IOWA_CASINOS
- ★ PROVIDERS
- Distance**
- 25 (Blue hatched)
- 50 (Red hatched)
- HELPLINE**
- 0.00 (White)
- 0.01 - 6.43 (Light Yellow)
- 6.44 - 11.15 (Yellow)
- 11.16 - 18.74 (Orange)
- 18.75 - 28.16 (Brown)
- 28.17 - 45.8^F (Dark Brown)



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