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**Minutes of the Iowa Gambling Treatment Program Advisory Committee
 April 3, 2009 Meeting**

<u>Advisory Members Present</u>	<u>Advisory Members Absent</u>	<u>Others Present</u>
Bob Winkler Audrey Carlson Fred Breen Chuck Tornblom Dr. Gene Lutz Peg Naylor Cynthia Steidl Stephanie Lawrence	Rev Timothy Bonney Candace Peters Rev. David Digby Doug Borkowski	Margaret Van Ginkel, Takisha Booker, Mark Vander Linden, Tracy Smith, Lisa Pierce, Kevin Glenz, Stan Landon, Patti Branch, T.J. Gorman, Mary O'Neill, Chuck Sweetman, Deb Prier, Andrea Meylink, Matt Cihak, Doug Billingsly and Bob Kerksieck

- 1) Vice-Chairperson Fred Breen called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. and introduced participants at all sites.
- 2) The January 9, 2009 meeting minutes were approved with no changes.
- 3) Mark Vander Linden provided an overview of FY2010 program changes:
 - An RFA was issued for Prevention and Education Services for FY2010.
 - One provider, Central Iowa Gambling Treatment Program (CIGTP), has notified the Department that it will not turn in an RFA for FY2010. The Department is in the process of finding an alternative provider for Service Area #10 in FY2010. In response to a question from one of the Advisory Committee members, CIGTP Executive Director Lisa Pierce stated that CIGTP plans to continue to provide problem gambling services without IDPG funds.
 - An RFP was issued for problem gambling Transitional Housing services for two years ending June 30, 2011. This RFP is intended to select two applicants to provide Community-Based Problem Gambling Transitional Housing and one applicant to provide Provider-Based Problem Gambling Transitional Housing.
 - Provider-Based Problem Gambling Transitional Housing or High Level Housing is for clients who meet the Diagnostic And Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders Text Revision (DSM-IV-TR) criteria for pathological gambling, have no other housing alternatives or whose housing alternatives are not conducive to pathological gambling recovery, and maintain an admitted status in a gambling treatment program which is funded by the department. High Level Housing must be combined with a minimum of 15 hours of problem gambling treatment services per week.

- Community-Based Problem Gambling Transitional Housing or Low Level Housing is for clients who meet admission criteria for problem gambling, have no other housing alternatives or whose housing alternatives are not conducive to problem gambling recovery, and maintain an admitted status in a gambling treatment program which is funded by the department. Low Level Housing must be combined with problem gambling treatment services as appropriate to client needs.
 - Health and Human Services (HHS) budget recommendations has been released by the General Assembly, however it has not yet passed either chamber of the legislature. A copy of this budget was sent out by e-mail this morning. The HHS committee recommendation for FY2010 was for \$4,078,035. The Governor had recommended \$4,310,000 for FY2010. IGTP had been anticipating about \$4.5 million in FY2010 contracts, so this amounts to a total cut of just over 9% including the carryover from FY2009. Mark encouraged people to keep an eye on the Des Moines Register as it may have news about the legislature's upcoming actions sooner than we do.
- 4) Mark Vander Linden gave an update on progress on the strategic plan (sent out by e-mail this morning). We are progressing with the goals/action steps set by the advisory committee.
 - 5) Bob Kerksieck gave an update on the Iowa Gambling NIATx project. The Department and Prairieland's Addiction Technology Transfer Center (PATTC) are offering an opportunity to state funded problem gambling treatment programs that have recently been involved in NIATx/STAR-SI to participate in an effort to apply NIATx to co-occurring/problem gambling/substance abuse treatment. We will primarily work on the aims of increasing admissions, increasing continuation in treatment and decreasing no-shows. Eight of ten programs across the state are participating. Starting this month we will begin doing walk-throughs at each participating agency, starting with the Helpline. NIATx was formerly the acronym for the Network for the Improvement of Addiction Treatment. Now, they're known simply as NIATx. This reflects growth and expansion into fields other than addiction treatment. The Strengthening Treatment Access and Retention-State Implementation (STAR-SI) Initiative expands on the results of the State Pilot Project to promote state-level implementation of process improvement methods and improve access and retention in outpatient (OP) treatment.
 - 6) Bob Kerksieck gave an update on SF2425 legislation passed in 2008. The goal is to have joint licensure and funding streams by July 1, 2010, while ensuring that both fields maintain best practices. The Department has been meeting with stakeholders about differences in licensure and how to resolve them. In several areas, such as personnel requirements, gambling licensure has higher standards that will be adopted in the substance abuse field. The Department will ensure that whoever is providing problem gambling services meet contract standards, licensure standards, and serve adequate numbers of problem gamblers and the public with problem gambling treatment and prevention services.
 - 7) Gene Lutz from UNI gave a report on Gambling Treatment Outcomes Monitoring. Handouts were e-mailed out on Tuesday, March 31. There will be a provider focus group regarding distance treatment outcomes with state staff and UNI staff at the Governor's Conference at Noon on Wednesday, April 8.

- 8) Tracy Smith gave a report on helpline calls and media. Some points include:
- This is the third consecutive year there has been a dip in call volume in February.
 - There was a dramatic drop in free ads during the election (there was also a decrease in viewer numbers during the election). Most media outlets we have contracts with are making up for that shortfall now, and totals are actually up 8% so far for FY2009 compared to the same period in FY2008.
 - Calls and admissions for gambling treatment are generally down nation-wide.
 - Mary O'Neill from Heartland in Council Bluffs expressed concern about the low media numbers in Council Bluffs and asked if there was any way to get those numbers up.
- 9) Vice-Chairperson Fred Breen led a discussion on general membership and chair positions for the FY2010 Advisory Committee. Points included:
- There are currently 12 members and can be no fewer than nine, nor more than fifteen.
 - Rev Timothy Bonney has resigned, and seven of the other eleven members' terms are expiring this year. They need to inform Mark Vander Linden by April 17 if they wish to continue on the Advisory Committee.
 - General membership terms are for two years and members may serve as many as three consecutive terms. Members would like to change the length of terms from two years to three years.
 - The Advisory Committee needs new members, a new chairperson and a new vice-chairperson.
 - Fred asked that we do what we can to broaden stakeholders, possibly adding corrections, education and the lottery to the groups already represented.
 - Fred will work with Mark Vander Linden to screen applicants and submit them to the Department Director for his approval. Fred is asking people to get nominations to Mark by Friday, April 17.
 - To make it easier for Advisory Committee members to participate, we can ask for ICN sites in or near their communities.

10)The following trainings are scheduled for 2009:

April 6, 2009

Pre Governor's Conference
Problem Gambling Networking

This session will be a follow-up networking opportunity relating to Jim Wuelfing's session on 3/26/09. It will focus on the prevention of problem gambling in youth and college students. Individuals attending the training session in March will be able to discuss what they learned and may have experienced in the field since the workshop.

April 7-8, 2009

32nd Annual Governor's Conference

A terrific line-up of presenters focusing on problem gambling are being assembled for this year's Annual Governor's Conference.

Dr. Lawrence Kutner with the Harvard Center for Mental Health and Media will be a keynote and breakout session presenter. The title of his presentation is "Grand Theft Childhood: What Are the Health Risks of Video Gaming?"

Lori Ruggle, PhD., NCGCII, is the Director of Problem Gambling Services in

Connecticut. She will present several breakout sessions focusing on problem gambling and co-occurring personality disorders.

Jerry Bauerkemper, Nebraska Council on Compulsive Gambling, will present, "Family Recovery: A timeline for counseling those who suffer along side the gambler". This workshop will provide counselors with a timeline for helping family members with problem gambling.

May 5, 2009

Family Therapy and Financial Issues

Joanna Franklin, MS, NCGCII, is the Director of Training and Network Development for Trimeridian Inc.- Resources for Problem Gambling. Her one-day workshop will focus on problem gambling and family therapy and financial issues.

June 2009

Types of Gambling

An exciting workshop is being planned for this month to focus on types of gambling including topics on internet gambling and gaming machines. We are hoping to take the participants on a "behind the scenes" tour of a local casino. A networking session will accompany this workshop. Watch for more details!

June 25-27, 2009

23rd Annual National Conference on Problem Gambling, Indianapolis, IN

August 12-14, 2009

Sixth Annual Midwest Conference on Problem Gambling and Substance Abuse, St. Louis, MO

- 11) Update on ISAIC's progress. Mark Vander Linden gave a brief report that progress is being made and the hope is that ISAIC will have a lot of our core brochures printed in the next month. All ISAIC services have been reinstated. Currently:
- The Clearinghouse store for IDPH program materials is open. If you need assistance placing your order, please feel free to call our staff to assist you. We are happy to walk you through the process.
 - The ISAIC online store has re-opened with access to online materials that you may print and a few hard copy items to order. We're adding new hard copy items to the store as they become available.
 - The ISAIC lending library is now operational. You can reserve items online or by calling ISAIC. In our temporary location we do not have space for the entire collection; if you would like assistance in making a selection, please contact us by phone or email. ISAIC is resuming checkout periods and fines.
 - ISAIC is answering all phones and the 24/7 Helpline during the day to provide information and referrals. Foundation 2 answers Help Line calls evenings and weekends.
 - The Iowa Facility Locator is operational. The Professional Jobs database and the Training Calendar are operational. Send you jobs and training announcements to isaicemail@crlibrary.org.

12)Public Comment – some good suggestions included:

- Fred Breen suggested that we see if we can get free registration at Iowa sponsored trainings for Advisory Committee members.
- It was suggested that we put brochures in PDF format and make them available to the public so people can download and print one at a time when they need them.
- Could the MCPGSA get us a list of high demand books (from the 2008 conference) that we could purchase and have available at the ISAIC?
- Is there a place people may go to get a list of new books about problem gambling released each year?

13) Other Business: None

14) The next meeting is scheduled for July 10, 2009.

15) The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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