

**Problem Gambling Task Force  
Quarterly Meeting**

**SUMMARY**

April 20, 2020  
9:00 – 10:30 am  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

**Facilitators:** Commissioner Julia Patterson (WSGC), Meg O’Leary (Uncommon Solutions)

**Participants**

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| PGTF Chair: Comm. Julia Patterson (WSGC)              | Brandi Crowe (Puyallup Tribal Gaming Agency) | Cosette Rae (reSTART Life)                             |
| PGTF Co-Chair: Brad Galvin (Brief Therapy Works)      | Tony Edwards (HCA)                           | Tana Russell (ECPG)                                    |
| Amanda Benton (Horseracing Commission)                | Maureen Greeley (ECPG)                       | Richard Swan, Sr. (Councilman, Colville Tribes)        |
| Dallas Burnett (Squaxin Island Tribal Reg. Authority) | Ryan Keith (HCA)                             | Ruby Takushi (Recovery Café)                           |
| Hilarie Cash (reSTART Life)                           | Victor Loo (ACRS)                            | Roxane Waldron (HCA)                                   |
| John Chinn (WSGC)                                     | Ty Lostutter (UW)                            | Dave Trujillo (WSGC)                                   |
| Vic Colman ( Uncommon Solutions) **                   | Dawn Mangano (Evergreen Gaming Corp)         | Kristi Weeks (Lottery)                                 |
| Brian Considine (WSGC)                                | Meg O’Leary (Uncommon Solutions) **          | Keith Zenishek (Northern Quest Resort, Kalispel Tribe) |
| Sen. Steve Conway                                     | Ricki Peone (Spokane Tribe, HHS Director)    |  |

\*\* Non-voting member

**New members:** Amber Lewis (Lewis Consulting on behalf of Chairman Forsman & Suquamish Tribe), Kevin Zenishek (Northern Quest/Kalispel Tribe)

| <b>Action Items</b>   | <i>Assigned To</i>                                      | <i>Date Due</i>            |
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| Dave will send Roxane and facilitators a list of terms that will help determine what language is added to the PGTF Charter                                  | Dave Trujillo   | Completed                  |
| Facilitators will review Dave’s list, revise Charter, suggest updates, and share with PGTF  | Roxane, Vic, Meg  | May 2020                   |
| Workgroups will continue to meet monthly via Zoom (or more frequently as necessary)   | WG members  | May through September 2020 |
| Presentation tabled for a future meeting: <i>Developing Priority Recommendations Understanding “Actionable Strategies”</i> (Vic Colman, Uncommon Solutions) | Note: Vic Colman will present at the Workgroup meetings |                            |

**Next Quarterly PGTF Meeting (online): Tue, July 28, 2020, 9am-12pm**

## Meeting Highlights

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| <b>Update: Legislative Session</b><br>(Brian Considine, WSGC)   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gambling bills that passed: ESHB 2638, SB 6357, SB 6119, SB 6120, ESSB 6168</li> <li>• Gambling-related bills that failed: SHB 2216, HB 2839, HB 2720/SB 6394</li> <li>• Tribal compacts—sports wagering negotiations can occur with Tribes</li> <li>• Sports wagering at card rooms—did not pass. Likely to come back next session</li> </ul>   |
| <b>Update: Prevalence Study</b><br>(Roxane Waldron, HCA)  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Proviso in supplementary budget was approved (\$500K)</li> <li>• Allocated from the problem gambling account</li> <li>• Thank you to Sen. Conway and Rep. Kloba for championing the proviso</li> <li>• First meeting of Research &amp; Data Workgroup on 4/22—will discuss current research environment with</li> <li>• COVID-19 &amp; implications for a prevalence study and how to proceed</li> </ul> |
| <i>Note: Agenda order changed</i><br><b>Presentation + Q&amp;A:</b><br><b>Convergence of Gaming and Gambling</b><br>(Dr. Hilarie Cash, Co-Founder and Chief Clinical Officer, reSTART Life) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Online video gaming/gambling and connection to problem gambling</li> <li>• Slide deck provided with April 20 PGTF meeting packet</li> </ul>  |

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**PGTF Scope + Charter**  
(Vic Colman, Uncommon Solutions)

**Question posed to PGTF:** Should PGTF extend the scope of problem gambling to include problem online video gaming?

**Discussion**

- Dave Trujillo: Need to come to a common understanding of the terms we are using
- Ty Lostutter: We currently regulate gambling and gaming as two different industries and as such are treated a separate, do we need to first to combine them to regulate them together or do we try to regulate two different industries. Currently we have gambling commission, we do not currently have gaming commission. Do you need to do this first? Given the gaming as preliminary research and expanding treatment education, but since we don't have regulatory control or gaming funds toward this issue yet, should the committee suggest a preliminary research/educational shared priority.
- Brian Considine: Currently, this has been a topic of discussion as the line between gambling and video games continues to blur. Right now, the focus has been the use of gambling or gambling-related aspects under Gambling Commission authority or look to the AGO or others to work on things from a consumer protection issue Committee can definitely make recommendations to the Legislature for the 2021 session on how it should address this issue and if there is something separate or more specific that should be considered for the 2021 session.
- Brian Considine: Not to sidetrack, this was a topic Rep. Kloba added in the Task Force bill before it went into the budget and it was removed because of the concern that it may be too much for the Task Force to handle when we are trying to get a better handle on the underlying Problem Gambling issue—the proviso doesn't prevent the group from taking this on but was something considered regarding the bill during the 2019 session and then left off as something that would be a primary focus.
- Comm. Patterson: Rather than including in the PGTF scope, online gaming/gambling be included in the prevalence study
- Maureen Greeley: Wants to make sure that future study of youth not be lost (recommendation to the Legislature to always include a problem gambling question in the Health Youth Survey)

**Decision:** Decided to not change the scope of Charter for now (other than including internet gaming/gambling in the prevalence study).

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**Workgroup Updates + Q&A**  
(WG members)

**Access to Care/Treatment/Recovery (CTR)** – Maureen Greeley  
(Evergreen Council on Problem Gambling)

- First Zoom call Tue, April 14
- Began to review the 20+ items from the PGTF meeting in January
- Discussed current funding available from the State for prevention activities and expansion of funding
- Maureen will share requirements and qualifications for Helpline staff

**Prevention/Outreach (P&O)** – Tony Edwards (HCA/Prevention)

- First Zoom call Fri, April 17
  - Discussed how best to describe 'Prevention' for the purposes of this workgroup
  - 'Intervention to prevent the onset of problem gambling' seemed to capture the intent
  - Briefly discussed a few of the topics on the Workgroup list and whether they would be in scope (e.g., leveraging sport industry to contribute more towards prevention messaging)
  - Want to know what other states are doing for prevention—Roxane will gather info & share
  - Need to focus on what info we need to get in front of legislators to make an impact
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