DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

Advisory Task Force on Gambling Disorder

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NOTE: AI chat bots will not be admitted to Task Force meetings.

Agenda

- Welcome, Agenda Review
- Introductions
- DHS Welcome
- Goal, Respectful Meeting Guidelines
- Charter Review for Adoption
- Chair and Co-Chair Introductions
- Problem Gambling Team Overview
- Call for Future Meeting Discussion Topics

Task Force Member Introductions

Representation	Open Seats
Federal Tribal representatives (2)	1 seat open (Ojibwe)
Rural prevention providers (2)	1 seat open
Metro providers (2)	
People with lived experience (3)	2 seats open
Concerned community/family members (2)	
Representatives from underserved communities (2)	
Young adult in recovery (1)	

Please share:

- **Your name**
- **Seat you're representing**

SOS web link

Introductions

Representatives:

- Minnesota State Lottery
- Gambling Control Board
- Department of Public Safety Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement
- Minnesota Alliance on Problem Gambling (MNAPG)
- Minnesota Racing Commission
- Department of Corrections

Problem Gambling Team and Alliant Consulting

- Nick Carideo, Director of Integrated Behavioral Health Services
- Janet Asamoah, Problem Gambling Team Supervisor, Behavioral Health Administration
- Grace Oloruntola, Problem Gambling Prevention And Awareness Grant Manager
- Ashleigh Vogel, Problem Gambling Treatment Grant manager
- Alliant Consulting: Lea Bittner, Jessie Schuppe and Kelly Deering

DHS Welcome



Goal

The goal of the Advisory Task Force on Gambling Disorder is to advise DHS to ensure the availability and the accessibility of quality, culturally responsive and recovery-oriented gambling disorder education, awareness, prevention, early intervention, treatment, recovery supports, and research for individuals and families/significant others affected by problem gambling and gambling disorder.

Task Force Authorization

- The role of the Department of Human Services Advisory Task Force on Gambling Disorder is to provide guidance to the Department in ensuring the development and implementation of a comprehensive continuum of care for all Minnesota residents. This continuum includes:
- Providing assistance to individuals affected by problem gambling through intervention, treatment, and recovery services; and
- Developing and implementing prevention strategies through education and awareness to reduce the occurrence of problem gambling and promote healthy lifestyles.

Respectful Meeting Guidelines

- When speaking, re-introduce yourself and who you represent (your seat)
- Stay present giving your full attention to the discussion; let us know via chat if you need to leave the discussion and when you are back
- All ideas and perspectives are valuable
- Be respectful of other participants - avoid sharing specific details for privacy*
- Listen with an open mind
- Assume positive intent – embracing a mindset of collaboration and partnership

Charter Review for Adoption

- Review charter contents
- Questions/comments
- Vote to adopt charter – gradients of agreement

Charter Voting Scale

Poll Question:

To what extent do you support the description, overview, objectives, roles and responsibilities and member expectations described in the draft Charter?

Scale for poll

A. Full endorsement – fully approve
B. Support with minor reservations – I can live with it
C. Don’t like but will support – don’t want to hold up the work of the group
D. Major reservations – serious contention; don’t count on me for support

Chair and Co-Chair Introductions

- Taya Kaufenberg – Chair taya.kaufenberg@gmail.com
- Julie Cunningham – Co-Chair jcunningham@projectturnabout.org

DHS Problem Gambling Team

Program Overview

Member and Representative Updates

- Members
- Representatives

Resources

- The State's Problem Gambling website for DHS program - Problem gambling / Minnesota Department of Human Services
- Task Force website for meeting information including meeting times, agendas and meeting summaries - Advisory Task Force on Gambling Disorder / Minnesota Department of Human Services
- Email - GamblingAdvisoryTaskForce.DHS@state.mn.us
- Charter
- DHS' statewide contract for gambling information and resources - Home - Get Gambling Help
- Minnesota's state affiliates on problem gambling – MNAPG - Minnesota Alliance on Problem Gambling | Advocacy of Gambling Addiction in Minnesota

Future Meeting Topics/Dates

- Including member network input
  - Send suggestions to Taya taya.kaufenberg@gmail.com and/or Julie jcunningham@projectturnabout.org
- Next meeting is **December 15th, 10:00 – 11:30**
- Poll will be sent to members to determine 2027 meetings

Questions?

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Thank You!

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