

Lane County Problem Gambling Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes: November 7, 2006



Attending: Ronda Hatefi (chair), Michel Savage, Sarah Kerr-Daly, Robin Zinser, Julie Hynes (staff support).

Eugene social gaming ordinance follow up

No official word has been given with regard to the Eugene social gaming ordinance amendment (Administrative Order #56-06-04)

Ronda will be contacting Linda Phelps, Eugene Police Dept. Planner: 682.6308 / Linda.M.PHELPS@ci.eugene.or.us, regarding the Eugene ordinance amendment status.

Social gaming & Oregon Restaurant Association

An Oregon Restaurant Association representative, Joel Pomeranz, contacted Lane County's problem gambling prevention program with regard to social gaming issues. Julie provided the representative regarding the advisory committee's stance on social gaming in general, in addition to the recommendations involving age minimum. Julie referred the representative to Linda Phelps with the City of Eugene for more information regarding their ordinance language. Mr. Pomeranz discussed the possibility of a social gaming ordinance proposal within unincorporated Lane County. More information will be provided as it is received.

Youth gambling video

The urban shoot for the first-ever Oregon youth gambling prevention video took place on November 2 at Monroe Middle School. Eleven students, 10 eighth graders and one seventh grader, were convened by Sarah Kerr-Daly to participate in the video shoot. The shoot was a huge success. Pizza and cookies were served, and each participant received a \$25 gift card to Valley River Center. The students were articulate, intelligent, mature, and had interesting things to say about gambling. The statewide youth video committee will be conferencing and convening with the producers to complete the video prior to March 2007.

A save-the-date reminder: Please mark Thursday, March 1 around mid-day in your calendars (exact time TBA) to celebrate the news conference/"premiere" of the video. Sarah Kerr-Daly and all participating students are encouraged to attend.

Committee allies

Since problem gambling is a public health issue, committee members expressed the need for allies in our group. The Tobacco Free Lane County coalition was

able to make sweeping policy changes, in good part due to the influence of key leaders. Julie will be contacting Martin Klos, a local physician and chair of the Lane County Coalition to Prevent Substance Abuse, to see if he will be a consultant for testimony to our group. Another natural ally is the Lane County Coalition to Prevent Substance Abuse itself. They are a group of committed leaders and citizens who are working to effect change around substance abuse, most particularly underage drinking.

Florence outreach

The plan was received from emergence on Monday and was presented to the group. Julie will be forwarding on the proposal to county contract staff, and then forwarding the proposal on to state problem gambling services for approval.

University of Oregon prevention update

Julie has been presenting at several U of O groups, including addictions and prevention courses, and to housing staff. She is also currently working with staff to implement the online gambling habits online survey for students. The incentives we decided upon are five free iTunes per participant.

Future meeting changes

The committee by consensus agreed we should meet bimonthly instead of monthly. We will be meeting once every two months, from 3:00-5:00 pm, at Perugino. We will still be meeting on the first Tuesday of the month at Perugino.

PLEASE NOTE: WE WILL NOT BE MEETING IN DECEMBER. Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 3 at 3:00pm. Please let me know as soon as possible if you will NOT be able to meet in January, so we can make arrangements. Of course this holiday season is coming around, and we may have to convene on the second Tuesday (the 10th). **Please let me know your preference for meeting either January 3 or January 10.**

Happy holidays!

Next Meeting:
Tuesday, January 3 OR Tuesday, January 10
from 3:00 - 5pm at Perugino in Eugene.

Lane County Problem Gambling Prevention Program

To reduce the negative effects of gambling in Lane County communities through coordinating effective prevention strategies.