

2016 NCPG Committee Annual Report Prevention Committee

Committee Name:

Prevention Committee

Co-Chairs:

Julie Hynes, Susan McLaughlin

Members:

Executive Members: Juan Baez, Jeff Beck, Jaime Costello, Julie Hynes, Jim Kooler/Nani Dodson/Kellie Goodwin, Susan McLaughlin, Amanda Poggenburg, Carl Robertson, Jim Wuelfing

General Members: Shannon Dictson, Juan Baez, Pat Fowler, Laura Rostolsky, Amanda Winters, Ashley Trantham, Colleen Fitzgibbons, Jennifer Davis-Walton, Judy McCormick, Sachin Karnik, Tristan Hall, Michael Buzzelli.

Board Liaison:

None (as of July 2016: Julie Hynes)

Staff Liaison:

Barbara Rollins

Report Date:

July 6, 2016

1. Meetings:

- a. Please list dates committee met since last written report & meeting format (teleconference, in person, etc...):

[Note: Meeting minutes may be accessed by clicking the dates below.]

- [June 21, 2016: Executive Committee \(Phone\)](#)
- [May 17, 2016: General Prevention Committee \(Phone\)](#)
- [April 19, 2016: Executive Committee \(Phone\)](#)
- [March 16, 2016: General Prevention Committee \(Phone\)](#)
- [February 16, 2016: Executive Committee \(Phone\)](#)
- [January 19, 2016: General Prevention Committee \(Phone\)](#)

- [December 15, 2015: Executive Committee \(Phone\)](#)
- [November 17, 2015: Executive Committee \(Phone\)](#)

b. Were minutes kept for each meeting and a copy provided to NCPG office?

Yes. Links to minutes are also above and available on the NCPG Prevention Committee Groupsite, at http://ncpgprevention.groupsite.com/file_cabinet/folders/228736

2. Progress on Annual Plan Goal(s) Assigned to Committee (please list each goal separately):

Goal #1: To strengthen the problem gambling prevention field through recruitment, more effective communication and enhanced resource sharing.

- 1a. Hold a one day prevention symposium as a pre-conference session at the NCPG Annual Conference in Tarrytown to discuss numerous issues facing prevention of problem gambling efforts and seek to develop a common voice. [Symposium]

Progress: The Committee amended this goal during the last several months to a workshop during the general conference, instead of a pre-conference symposium. The workshop will be held on Friday, July 14 at the NCPG Conference. The Prevention Committee will distribute and discuss the document developed last year, "Prevention of Gambling Disorders: A Common Understanding."

- 1b. Further develop a web portal designed to facilitate discussion and information sharing among problem gambling prevention practitioners. [Portal]

Progress: This goal was achieved and continues to progress; the NCPG Prevention Committee Groupsite (www.ncpgprevention.groupsite.com) is the forum/portal being used.

- 1c. Develop a web-based clearinghouse of prevention of problem gambling resources to be housed on the NCPG website. [Clearinghouse]

Progress: We are further coordinating efforts with colleagues who have been working to develop this very effort; Michael Buzzelli, who presented a poster session on this issue at last year's NCPG Conference, has been working with a new NCPG Prevention Committee Task Group, the Curriculum/Program Repository Task

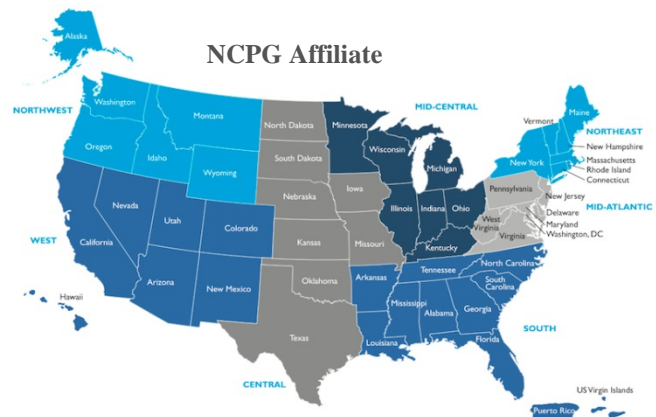
Group. The group has developed a survey that is to be distributed nationwide at a later date (likely summer / fall 2016).

1d. Develop protocols for Prevention Committee active membership and recruit members that represent the NCPG regions as well as differing expertise.
[Membership]

Progress: The Prevention Committee protocols have been developed (see below and attached.) Additionally, several members have been recruited from across the NCPG regions to better represent all seven regions. While the Prevention Committee is open to new members in all areas of the United States, including a broad spectrum of expertise and experience, we are currently actively seeking new members in regional affiliate groups not currently represented (specifically, “Central” and “South” regions; see map of NCPG regions below).

Notably, this year the Prevention Committee formulated four functioning Task Groups

- Curricula / Program Repository
- Youth
- Problem Gambling Awareness Month
- Social Gaming / Fantasy Sports



Group materials may be found at
http://ncpgprevention.groupsites.com/file_cabinet/folders/251069

Goal #2:

To advocate for, and support, the development and sustainability of infusing evidence-based prevention programs and models into ATOD prevention programs as well as into professional counseling and prevention preparation programs.

Progress:

- Establish staff for goal implementation:
Complete. Formation of a youth task group.
- Review and assess various evidence-based ATOD prevention curricula for appropriateness of problem gambling infusion: complete. A survey was disseminated nationwide to prevention partners; more than 45 responses were received. Results to be reported at annual Prevention Committee meeting.
- Recruit a minimum of one counseling and one prevention preparation program as pilot sites for implementation: in progress.

Goal #3:

To advocate for and support the development and sustainability for prevention programs that address universal (general population who have not been identified on the basis of risk), selective (individuals or a sub-group of a population whose risk of developing a disorder are higher than average) and indicated (individuals in high-risk environments, identified as having minimal but detectable signs or symptoms foreshadowing disorder or having biological markers indicating predisposition for the disorder) as well as recovery support services.

Progress: This goal was included in our submission of goals to enable a critical observation. It is important to hold the vision of the development and sustainability of prevention programs that address individuals across the continuum as well as the vision that NCPG, in order to present and sustain a comprehensive plan and presence, that prevention be an integral part of that plan. It is also a hard truth that these evidenced based prevention programs do not yet exist, and therefore the advocacy and support of such is moot. To achieve this Goal we would first need to create, and then evaluate, said Universal, Selective, and Indicated prevention programs; see them implemented and sustained; and then look for replication. Even if we worked on a modest one, or two, programs in each subgroup, we are looking at a 3-5 year plan and a minimum of \$300,000. The Prevention Committee welcomes a conversation on the feasibility and reality of this Goal as it fits within the larger scope of long range planning.

4. Note any new or departed members since last written report:

Liz McCall has departed the Committee. Jennifer Clegg is on extended leave of absence. New members include: Jaime Costello, Shannon Dictson, Juan Baez, Pat Fowler, Laura Rostolsky, Amanda Winters, Ashley Trantham, Colleen Fitzgibbons, Jennifer Davis-Walton, Judy McCormick, Sachin Karnik, Tristan Hall and Michael Buzzelli.

5. Does the Chair request to be reappointed for another one year term?

Julie Hynes has been elected to the NCPG Board of Directors and will not request a reappointment for another one year term. She will serve as the Board liaison to the Committee. Susan McLaughlin does seek to be reappointed for another one year term. Additionally, the Prevention Committee will forward a request for a co-chair to NCPG following our annual meeting at the NCPG Conference on July 15, 2016.

Report submitted by:
Julie Hynes

APPENDIX

National Council on Problem Gambling

Prevention Committee: Structure

Adopted September 2015

Executive Committee

Role of the Executive Committee:

Official committee that is responsible for interacting with NCPG and Prevention Membership.

- Leadership in addressing and promoting the NCPG Goals and Strategies as they directly apply to the prevention of gambling disorders
- Organization and Recommendations for prevention topics, speakers and events related to the National Conference (e.g., Symposiums, Showcase and Awards).
- Advocates for the Integration of gambling prevention within a continuum of care model throughout the 7 NCPG designated regions (e.g., “Common Understanding” document). Will use a variety of methods to enhance knowledge and skills in the gambling prevention field.
- Coordination of prevention resources, for example: data and survey information, program availability and opportunities; forum for connecting gambling specialist with peers and programs.
- Meets monthly to plan, develop and implement ongoing discussions related to Gambling Prevention (there would be 6 meetings of the Executive committee members only).
- Representation includes at least one member from each of the seven NCPG designated regions.

Members: Up to 15.

General Membership Committee

Role of General Membership:

To enhance the National Prevention Committee’s organizational capabilities and increase gambling disorders prevention involvement and expertise.

- Build organizational expertise on gambling prevention primarily locally in their communities and coordination with National Goals and Strategies.
- Advocate for services and funding of disordered gambling prevention within in each local community public health model.
- Discuss and help develop best practices, e.g., in gambling surveying, program content, education for special populations; at-Risk groups and general population
- Have the opportunity to participate in NCPG Prevention Committee subcommittee(s) of interest.
- Provide knowledge transfer network that will be a resource for those entering or working in gambling prevention and have limited knowledge or resources
- Increase membership involvement in gambling prevention in the behavioral health environments.

- Meet every other month (6 times a year). Give the general membership an hour to discuss, review reports and contribute to the larger issues of gambling prevention. It is a networking opportunity for specific topics or initiatives.

Members: Up to 25; membership approval by Executive Committee.

NCPG Prevention Subcommittees (Task Groups) Structure

Adopted October 2015

Contained in the General Membership Committee is a proposal to utilize subcommittees (“task groups”) as a way to identify and develop: best practices, program content, gambling expertise and special interest focused on special populations and current trends.

In order to provide opportunities for input from the wealth of prevention expertise represented in the Executive and General Membership the following structure is being proposed:

1. All subcommittees will be established to have limitations on their work.

Proposal: all subcommittees will have a term of no more than 9 months. In other words, there will be no standing subcommittees.

Note: The term limit is meant to encourage short term participation and timely feedback to the general membership. It will allow people to get on and off committees easily.

2. All subcommittees will have no more than 8 members and included in this number will be at least two Executive Members.

Proposal: all subcommittees will be limited to 8 members and will be a combination of general and executive membership.

3. There will be on more than 6 subcommittees established in the course of any 9 month period.

Proposal: Based on time limitations, the number of general meetings (5-6) and the desire to have the subcommittees are a catalyst for discussion:

There will be no more than 6 subcommittees established at one time. As a committee completes its work or the executive and general committees identify new topics, new subcommittees can be established.

Note: These numbers were determined by the potential of have up to 15 members on the Executive Committee and up to 25 members on the General Committee

4. The General Membership will identify the 6 subcommittees for the 9 month period.

Proposal: by use of electronic communication: eg. Survey monkey or other similar means: the general members will be polled on what subcommittees

will be established. Once the committees have been identified, the membership will have an opportunity by means of electronic survey to identify in order of preferences the top 3 subcommittees they would be volunteering to be on remembering that only 8 members are permitted per committee.

NOTE: The Executive Committee will be responsible based on the responses from the surveys to establish the committees and membership. If so inclined, members of the general membership could participate in more than one committee.

5. Each subcommittee will identify one member who will help coordinate communications, information sharing and general membership reports.

Proposal: each subcommittee will have a coordinator of information among the subcommittee members. The coordinator can be a member of the Executive Committee but does not have to be.

Note: the Executive Committee will be responsible to assist each committee in helping identify resources, data and programs.

6. Logistics of this proposal:

There are planned 5 General Membership meetings: (2015-2016)

October, December, February, April and June. (National Conference is in July)

- Prior to October Meeting: Executive Committee will send out information on the subcommittees via the Survey Monkey (similar) communications. By October General meeting: October 20, 2015 each committee will be identified with its members.
- At December General Meeting check in with the committees about how they are doing and if there are any issues that need to be addressed
- At the February General Meeting: up to 3 subcommittees will give a status report on their work: time for discussions and questions
- At the April General Meeting: up to 3 subcommittees will give their status reports on their work: time for discussion and questions.
- At the June General Meeting: final reports and discussions on all the subcommittees
- July is the National Conference
- No meetings in August
- First Executive Meeting in September and then we repeat the cycle all over again: survey monkey, what committees and who are its members by October.