

Maryland Responsible Gambling Alliance  
January 31, 2011  
Maryland State Lottery, 1p

Attendees: Jennifer Kelley (MSLA), Stephen Martino (MSLA), Gray Barton (MD Judiciary), Bonnie Cosgrove (DPSCS), Rob White (UMD), Sen. Kathy Klausmeier (MD Senate), Joe Cavilla (Ocean Downs), Herb Cromwell (CBH), Gayle Gorden-Randolph (DHMH-MHA), Himbert Sinopoli (Hollywood), Donald Hall (DHMH-ADAA), Kathy Rebbert-Franklin (DHMH-ADAA)

Stephen Martino called the meeting to order.

Introductions of all parties present.

Agenda reviewed.

Stephen Martino introduced gkv and the work they will be doing for the Alliance around logo, color palette, web design).

\*see gkv conference notes

Stephen Martino called for a vote on the revised bylaws that had been distributed via email, noting the one change – organization name – Maryland Alliance for Responsible Gambling.

- Bylaws were approved with full consensus.

Donald Hall and Kathy Rebbert-Franklin from ADAA provided an update of ADAA activities for the Alliance.

- The DHMH-funded Prevalence Study should be finishing up within the next week. They expect a report to be released by late March.
- DHMH is currently negotiating a Memorandum of Understanding with the MD Council on Problem Gambling to operate the Helpline. They expect a signed MOU by the end of February.

Jennifer Kelley from the Lottery provided an update of Lottery activities for the Alliance.

- The Voluntary Exclusion Program has launched. Currently two individuals in the Program.

Bonnie Cosgrove from the DPSCS provided an update of DPSCS activities for the Alliance.

- They are currently reviewing their databases to determine folks who may need assistance with gambling problems.

Rob White from the MD Council provided an update of MD Council activities for the Alliance.

- A Problem Gambling Invitational Forum is being planned for March 10<sup>th</sup>. Any Alliance member may attend, more details will follow.

Sen. Klausmeier from the MD Senate provided an update of Senate activities for the Alliance.

- She has spoken with Chairman Miller and is hoping to get officially recognized as the Senate's representative on the Alliance.

VLT facilities:

- Joe Cavilla from the Casino at Ocean Downs reported that they opened to the public on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> – all is going well, and they've assisted in signing up one individual for the VEP.
- Himbert Sinopoli from Hollywood Casino Perryville reported that all is going well. They management/property banned all 12 individuals that had participated in their Property-Only VEP prior to the State program. They have also assisted in signing up one individual for the VEP.

At this time the Alliance decided to conduct business via email as the legislative session will make it difficult to gather in-person.