



# Washington State Gambling Commission

## Report on Conferences and Visits

- Focus on the Future
- Free By the Sea Recovery Center

– Commissioner Chris Stearns

# Focus on the Future

Great Wolf Lodge

May 8, 2019

# Panel – “Sports Betting 101 For the Baffled and Bewildered”

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- President of the Northstar Problem Gambling Alliance (NCPG), and Research and Planning Director at the Minnesota Lottery (1991-2017).

Chris Stearns, Commissioner



# Problem Gambling Laws

- SHB 1302, Gambling Self Exclusion. Signed by Governor Inslee on April 30, 2019. The bill becomes law on July 27, 2019.
- HB 1109, Section 729, Creating a Joint Legislative Task Force on Problem Gambling.

# Sports Betting Issues in WA

## Regulatory Structure

- Sports betting structure determined via compact negotiation (tribal) or rulemaking (commercial)?
- Uniform structure for tribes via global Appendix?
- Depress black and gray markets
- Creation of first internet and server-based gaming - Internet & mobile gaming requirements
- Licensing requirements
- Location requirements – tethered to land-based casino? On premise sportsbook, kiosk, mobile
- Number of mobile branded websites (skins)
- Sports betting integrity / reporting suspicious activities
- Internal controls and house rules
- Sports betting system structure and requirements
- Wagers
- Anti-Money Laundering
- Problem gambling initiatives
- Timing – How long to conclusion of negotiations, rulemaking? Emergency Rulemaking?

# Expansion of Sports Betting to Indian Country

- **Mississippi** (Mississippi Choctaw Tribe)
- **New Mexico** (Pueblos of Santa Ana, Isleta, Mescalero Apache)

## Near Future:

- **New York** (Oneida)
- **Oregon** (Burns Paiute, Confederated Coos, Grand Ronde, Siletz, Umatilla, Warm Springs, Coquille, Cow Creek, Klamath)
- **Montana** (Fort Peck, Rocky Boy's, Crow Tribe, Fort Belknap, Northern Cheyenne)

Free By the Sea  
Recovery Center

June 11, 2019

# OVERVIEW

- First and only treatment center in WA to offer inpatient treatment for gambling disorder.
- Offers residential, partial hospitalization, and intensive outpatient levels of care for gambling and other addictions.
- 45 Day Residential (inpatient) Program for Problem Gambling.
- Accepts insurance and private payment.
- 45 residential treatment beds.
- 32 outpatient treatment beds (housing).



## OVERVIEW – Continued

- Former resort setting located on five acres on the Pacific Ocean in Ocean Park.
- Medically assisted treatment (MAT) for substance addictions.
- Cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), Dialectical behavior therapy (DBT), Eye Movement Desensitization & Reprocessing (EMDR) and trauma informed treatment address underlying issues of addiction.
- Twelve step meetings - celebrate recovery, wellbriety, dual disorder, AA / NA / GA.
- Nutritionally designed meals to restore health.









**THE END**

