

Maryland Alliance for Responsible Gambling
May 14, 2012
Maryland Lottery, 1:30-3:30p

Attendees: Jennifer Wetherell (MSLA), Stephen Martino (MSLA), Charles LaBoy (MSLA), Sandi Davis-Hart (DPSCS), Tom Coppinger (Maryland Live!), Herb Cromwell (CBH), Renee Smith (Sen. Klausmeier's Office), Bill Hayles (Hollywood Casino Perryville), Joanna Franklin (MD Council on Problem Gambling), Renata Henry (DHMH), Gray Barton (OPSC)

Stephen Martino called the meeting to order.

Agenda reviewed.

Introduction of new members of MARG. Tom Coppinger, Director of Compliance, for Maryland Live! and Sandra Davis-Hart, Chief of Substance Abuse Treatment, Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services.

Renata Henry from DHMH provided an update of DHMH activities.

- DHMH issued an RFP for a Center for Excellence. They had one respondent, University of Maryland Baltimore. They are putting together an MOU and estimate that it will be up and running July 1, 2012.

Stephen Martino and Jennifer Wetherell from the Lottery provided an update of Lottery activities.

- The Voluntary Exclusion Program currently has 84 participants and is steadily growing.
- Maryland Live! casino will be opening in early June. A town hall/community forum is being scheduled to coincide with this opening. Responsible Gambling will be addressed.

Joanna Franklin from the MD Council provided an update of MD Council activities.

- The Council provided a written summary report to members.
- A quarterly report for call center data (1-800-522-4700) was shared.

VLT facilities:

- Bill Hayles from Hollywood Casino Perryville reported that all is going well.
- Tom Coppinger from Maryland Live! reported that they are getting things underway. Still scheduled to open in June 6 2012, working on construction and hiring currently. Offered invitations to the June 2nd Controlled Demonstration/Preview Day for any MARG member interested in attending.

Open Discussion:

- Will be electing a new chairperson at next meeting.

Next meeting: Eye towards Mid-late August. Hosted by Maryland Live!