

**DAUPHIN COUNTY GAMING ADVISORY BOARD**  
**112 Market Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor**  
**Harrisburg, PA**  
**Tuesday, September 14, 2010**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**Members Present**

George Groves, Chairman  
Justin Warren, Vice Chairman  
Jim Szymborski  
David Craig  
Lloyd Umberger

Also present were Mark Stewart, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC; Michael Musser, Community Networking Resources; Latoya Winfield, Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC; Skip Memmi, Dauphin County DCED, George Connor and Michelle Shade.

**Call to Order**

Mr. Groves called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

Mr. Craig made a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Umberger seconded the motion. The minutes from April 20, 2010 were unanimously approved 5-0.

**Penn National Financial Report**

Projected Total Dauphin County	
Direct Local Share	\$5,270,240.65
Projected Unrestricted Funds	\$2,635,120.32
Projected Grant Funds	\$2,635,120.32
Total East Hanover Township (DC)	
Direct Local Share	\$ 969,067.00
Total East Hanover Township (LC)	
Direct Local Share	\$ 160,000.00
Excess Minimum Annual Local Share	
To Dauphin County	\$ 8,870,933.00
Unrestricted Funds	\$ 4,435,466.50
Grant Funds	\$ 4,435,466.50

Combined Total Dauphin County Local Share	\$14,141,173.65
Projected Total Unrestricted Funds	\$ 7,070,586.83
Total Grant Funds	\$ 7,070,586.82
Available Grant Funds Post-MOU <sup>1</sup>	
Total Grant Funds	\$ 7,070,586.82
less MOU Priority Funding Ceiling	- 3,000,000.00
less EHT Make-Up Grant	<u>          96,281.41</u>
	\$ 3,974,305.41

Mr. Stewart reported that the Casino is doing very well. It was also reminded that this will be the third year of the four year MOU with East Hanover Township.

**Report on Administration of Gaming Grants**

Mr. Memmi advised that all projects are running smoothly, with no reports of problems. He stated that most projects have begun and all 2008 funded projects have been completed and/or has their first draw on the grant funds..

**Approval of Local Share Municipal Gaming Grant Criteria**

Mr. Stewart reported that due to the changes in the local share section of the legislation that came with the approval of table games, adjustments were necessary to the criteria of how projects are evaluated. He noted that all board members were provided copies of the proposed changes. Mr. Stewart noted that most changes were just a rearranging of the criteria. Due to the addition of a public interest category in the legislation and the intent of Dauphin County to still have projects linked in some way to the facility, Mr. Stewart did highlight that, under Penn National, he increased this facility/project linkage to 25 points. The board briefly discussed these items. Mr. Stewart explained that there are currently two “pools” of money. He added that applicants were advised not to identify which “pool” of funds they were requesting assistance from; however, were encouraged to make the best case connection to the Casino. Mr. Stewart noted that the MOU with East Hanover Township will pull a large portion of funding from the one “pool” of funds; all other projects selected will technically come from the second “pool.” It was pointed out that, under Public Interest and Transportation, no points were identified. Mr. Stewart it would be the same as others, at 15 points, and he would add this to the document. A motion was made by Mr. Warren approving the Local Share Municipal Gaming Grant Criteria for funding year 2010, including the changes as discussed. Mr. Szymborski seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved, 5 – 0.

**Approval of Amended Gaming Advisory Board Bylaws**

Mr. Stewart reported on the amendments to the bylaws. He stated they are similar to the first year of the program. He noted the changes to the bylaws had also been distributed to the board for their review. A motion was made by Mr. Umberger approving the changes to the Gaming Advisory Board Bylaws; seconded by Mr. Craig. The motion was unanimously approved, 5 – 0.

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<sup>1</sup> Reflects discretionary determination to award grants up to priority funding ceiling.

### **Report on Pre-Application Conferences**

Mr. Musser advised that most, if not all, applicants attended a pre-application conference. He stated that most of these conferences were face-to-face meetings in which he, Mr. Stewart, and Mr. Memmi were in attendance. Mr. Musser did not that there were a few held via phone conference. Mr. Musser pointed out that, on the spreadsheet provided to members of the received applications, it is noted whether the applicant attended the pre-application conference.

### **Gaming Grant Applications Received**

Mr. Musser stated that included in today's meeting information is a spreadsheet detailing the applications received. The board briefly reviewed and discussed the applicants and projects. It was noted that the Whitaker Center's application for the Watershed Education Program did not have a municipal sponsor; therefore being ineligible for this program. It was also stated that there were many applicants who submitted for more than one project; some identifying municipal priorities and others who did not. It was requested that staff send correspondence to those who submitted applications for multiple projects, and did not indicate the municipal priorities, requesting the applicants to name their project priorities.

Mr. Musser noted that the County was very liberal this year in sponsoring applications for submission to the program. These guidelines, he stated, will be tightened next year.

Mr. Musser informed board members that if any application/project questions should be sent to him by the end of October so that they can be forwarded to the applicants, giving them ample time to prepare the responses and their presentations.

Mr. Warren made a motion to reject the Whitaker Center's Watershed Education Program application due ineligibility (lack of municipal sponsorship). Mr. Umberger seconded the motion; motion passed unanimously, 5 – 0. Staff was instructed to draft and send the appropriate correspondence notifying the Whitaker Center of this action.

### **Scheduling of Next Meeting**

The board began discussions on the public presentation hearings. It was suggested that the meetings be held sometime in November. Mr. Stewart stated he would work on some dates and circulate to the board for their approval.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:02 p.m. was made by Mr. Warren and seconded by Mr. Craig. Motion passed unanimously, 5 – 0.