



**PUBLIC SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE ("PSS")
MEETING MINUTES**

MEETING #2

Date/Time: December 1, 2015@ 11:00 a.m.

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission
101 Federal Street, 12th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Present: MGC:
Karen Wells
John Ziemba
Mary Thurlow

PSS Members:
Gayle Cameron
Pat Hanley
Gina Masotta
Michael Connolly
Mark Leahy
Jennifer Queally
Dermot Quinn

Absent:
Michael Morrissey
Dana Pullman

Call to Order

Commissioner Cameron opened the meeting highlighting how well Plainridge is managing its safety issues.

Ombudsman Ziemba then gave a status update of the Category 1 casinos. Mr. Ziemba briefly covered the Region C area and the evaluation of that application as well as the land in trust determination that the Wampanoag tribe received from the federal government.

Mr. Ziemba then discussed the operations of the Public Safety Subcommittee and the position of chair for this subcommittee. It was decided that at the next meeting there would be a confirmatory vote for the position of chair. Mr. Ziemba requested that members sign a receipt that they had received the open meeting law materials and reminded members to do the required ethics training. It was discussed that as long as alternative members are officially appointed and are participating, that should satisfy the requirements for the open meeting law. The dates of March 8, June 7, September 13 and December 6 were presented as future dates for the Public Safety Committee.

Karen Wells then gave a summary of the volume of crime at Plainridge Park noting that the crime could be categorized as minor. She stated that most of the crimes are ["Ticket in, Ticket out"] TITO thefts. There has not been significant alcohol-related arrests but have had two instances where NARCAN was used.

Ms. Queally asked why the local police were called on to administer Narcan.

Ms. Well responded that they are trained to dispense the Narcan.



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Commissioner Cameron explained the work of the local and state police and the crime analysis being conducted by Christopher Bruce. It was discussed how difficult it is to evaluate crime when each policing entity has a different tracking system. The different systems presents a challenge in the effort to get an accurate picture.

Mr. Hanley mentioned monthly meetings at the casino and Norfolk DA's office and discussed efforts to determine exactly what is a casino crime and which entity will be responsible for prosecuting which type of crime.

Ms. Wells then open the floor for discussion of anti-money laundering efforts and concerns. She asked for advice on efforts to take against money laundering. The question arose as to whether patrons can put cash into the machines or if they have to go through the cashier's cage. Another question was raised about currency thresholds and the requirements for currency transaction reports by casino as a preventative measure.

Commissioner Cameron mentioned surveillance and the ability to track patrons.

Ms. Queally asked how long the video footage is kept.

Ms. Wells said that at certain locations it is 30 days and certain other areas it is fewer days and is based on regulation.

Lt. Col. Quinn mentioned that from the drug perspective, it is unlikely a main target would walk in with all the cash. Instead, people laundering money would send in 15 individuals with \$100 to make it difficult to determine which 15 people are laundering money.

Ms. Wells states that what helps is in the connections and knowing what investigation is going on. Her hope is that the communications are made so that if the DA's office or the state police are doing an investigation, videos are not lost as arrests may not happen for several months.

Ms. Queally asked if a case goes to the DA's office and then to the forfeiture people the 30 days could be over for the surveillance tapes.

Ms. Wells stated that they can put a hold on surveillance anybody wants at any time, and knowing in advance is key. The main point being that the connections are made through a fusion center or alerting different DA offices.

Commissioner Cameron mentioned that it is important to take all of the casino information, crunch the numbers, and get the information back out, so if something happens in Springfield the information can get to Everett immediately.

Lt. Col Quinn stated that it's rare that they don't already know who the targets are and that law enforcement have been getting a large amount information from facial recognition. Another is license plate reading technology. He would like to pilot test it at Plainridge. He also

asked who pays for the LPR technology?

Commissioner Cameron said that it eventually goes back to the operators.

Lt. Col Quinn expressed the hope that there are mechanisms in place inside of the casinos to deal with large sums of money going through the casino and getting laundered.

Ms. Wells indicated that Plainridge has a compliance plan in place and that to be in the business, the operators have to follow certain rules to prevent laundering from happening.

Lt. Col. Quinn asked if a subpoena was necessary for the records.

Ms. Wells explained that as a regulator, the MGC can demand anything the casinos have and the Commission is working with the AG's office to determine the process so that law enforcement gets the information through the correct channels.

Lt. Col Quinn said that they receive the FinCEN information. Do the police put a subpoena for the financials or is it a grand jury subpoena or administrative subpoena?

Mr. Hanley indicated that he can ask the casino to give it to him.

Commissioner Cameron closed the meeting.



By: Gayle Cameron, Chair

Materials distributed at meeting:

1. Massachusetts Gaming Commission Public Safety Subcommittee Full Casino Update
2. Mass Gaming & Entertainment, LLC November 5, 2015
3. Wynn Everett October 2015
4. MGM Springfield
5. Minutes to Meeting #1
6. Open Meeting Law G.L.c. 30A, §§18-25
7. 940 CMR 29.00 Open Meeting
8. Certificate of Receipt of Open Meeting Law Materials