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CT Council on Problem Gambling Announces New Board Members

Four new members to bring experience and energy to organization

WETHERSFIELD, CT - The Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling (CCPG) announces four new additions to its Board of Directors, with each augmenting different program areas within the organization with experience and enthusiasm. "I'm pleased to welcome these new members to our Board of Directors, as they bring talent, expertise and energy to the table. Their unique backgrounds and diverse experience make them an asset to the Council," said Executive Director Diana Goode.

Greg Adams, a Consultant at Fiduciary Investment Advisors, LLC, has significant experience building, designing, and managing plans in the defined contribution markets. Greg also has experience in insurance, tax, and estate planning.

Alex Clausen, Senior Assurance Associate at CohnReznick, brings expertise in audits of manufacturing and distribution companies as well as employee benefit plans. He is a Certified Public Accountant as well as a Certified Fraud Examiner in the State of Connecticut. CCPG has been working with financial professionals to build awareness of problem gambling, including signs to look out for, and fraud protections for consumers.

David Fleming works as a Second Vice President in the Corporate Finance Department at Travelers Insurance Company. He has served on insurance industry boards in Florida, Illinois, and Texas, and is

interested in the ever-evolving gambling environment in Connecticut and its implications for the public. CCPG is seeking to work with the state legislature and insurance industry executives to ensure equity in coverage for disordered gambling treatment.

Sandra Violette is a Deputy Warden of Addiction Services with the Connecticut Department of Correction. In her role, Sandra is responsible for the addiction treatment of all incarcerated offenders. She began her career in community corrections at Community Renewal Team at several halfway houses and alternative to incarceration centers. She moved into a focus on Mental Health when she began working for Reliance House in Norwich. In 2017, CCPG established a partnership with the Connecticut Department of Correction to provide a Gambling Information Program for inmates. This program is geared towards individuals incarcerated due to gambling-related offenses, as well as drug- and alcohol-related incidents, as those in recovery often replace these behaviors with gambling.

CCPG's Board of Directors consists of:

Willie Coleman, PhD, Psychologist, Norwich Vet Center - President

Scott Guay, Program Manager, Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services - Vice President

Virginia Hilton, CPA, Accountant, D'Agostino & Mazzone - Treasurer

Sarah Yip, PhD, Assistant Professor of Psychiatry & Child Study, Yale School of Medicine - Secretary

Gregory Adams, Consultant, Fiduciary Investment Advisors - Member

Alex Clausen, Senior Assurance Associate, CohnReznick - Member

David Fleming, Second Vice President, Corporate Finance Department, Travelers Insurance Company - Member

Rita Shair, Retired, Office of the Chief State's Attorney - Member

Valerie Tebbetts, Recovery Coach, United Community & Family Services - Member

Sandra Violette, Deputy Warden of Addiction Services, Connecticut Department of Correction – Member

About The Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling

The Connecticut Council on Problem Gambling (CCPG) is a non-profit organization focused on preventing problem gambling and helping those who may be impacted. CCPG does not advocate for or against gambling but is committed to working with all stakeholders to help individuals and families dealing with this issue.

CCPG provides Connecticut's only 24-hour Problem Gambling Helpline – offering support via phone, live online chat, and text. We also implement prevention and education programs serving schools, veterans, and at-risk populations.

If you or someone you know has a gambling problem, call the Problem Gambling Helpline at 1-888-789-7777 or visit www.ccp.org/chat for confidential help.

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