



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

**MEETING #3**

Date/Time: April 13, 2016 @ 10:00 a.m.

Place: Massachusetts Gaming Commission  
101 Federal Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02110

Present:

MGC:

Edward R. Bedrosian, Jr.  
Loretta Lillios  
Brian Connors  
John Ziemba  
Mary Thurlow  
Christopher Bruce

PSS Members:

Gayle Cameron  
Pat Hanley  
Peggie Krippendorf (on  
behalf of Michael Morrissey)  
Michael Morrissey  
Dana Pullman  
Jennifer Queally  
Dermot Quinn

Attendees:

Gina Masotta

Absent:

Michael Leahy

**Call to Order**

The Chair, Commissioner Gayle Cameron called the meeting to order. The first item on an agenda was approval of minutes from meetings 1 and 2. No members of the Public Safety Subcommittee had any issues with the accuracy of the minutes and there was a unanimous vote to approve the minutes subject to any corrections, typographical errors or other nonmaterial matters.

Patrick Hanley moved to appoint Commissioner Cameron as chair for the Public Safety Subcommittee. Upon motion duly made and seconded, Commissioner Cameron was unanimously voted to be chair of the Public Safety Subcommittee.

Chair Cameron thanked the committee for its support and described the topics of the day.

Chair Cameron then introduced Christopher Bruce who is an internationally-recognized expert in police data systems and police data analysis. The Chair spoke about the cooperative policing efforts done by the local police, state police and Plainville Casino. The State Police, the surrounding community police departments and the town of Plainville's police are working well together to get the data in for accurate reporting for the impact study. The report being presented today is the six month report.

Mr. Bruce then presented a PowerPoint on Assessing the Impact of Gambling on Public Safety in Massachusetts Cities and Towns – Evaluation of changes in police data after the first six months of operation of Plainridge Park.

Chair Cameron asked if there was a way of knowing if information exists in order to get a



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line by line report.

Mr. Bruce answered "yes". Mr. Bruce said that it would not be difficult and that he can get raw numbers but to double down and get details is more difficult for small categories because of differences in RAM vs. log reporting.

Chair Cameron stated that just knowing differences in data sources would be helpful.

Mr. Bruce said that the study was relying on data sent by communities to be accurate.

Mark Vander Linden posed a question about specific timeframes for crimes related to traffic activity.

Mr. Bruce said there was an increase throughout the year; higher after casino opened.

Chair Cameron: That is something that was expected.

Mr. Bruce: yes.

Jennifer Queally then asked if it was possible to look at trends outside Plainridge.

Chair Cameron then said that there was added value having the study and bringing Christopher Bruce to assist the area and him helping the local police, and that is why the chiefs are willing to help.

A discussion continued regarding the data indicating an increase in credit card fraud.

Brian Connors asked if credit card fraud was happening at places like the Wrentham Mall.

Mr. Bruce said that it wasn't happening there as much as it occurs more with smaller independent stores.

Chairman Cameron said that it's on the rise everywhere. She also asked if North Attleboro agreed with Mr. Bruce that the increase in crime shown in the report was attributable to coding errors done in the past.

Mr. Bruce replied affirmatively.

Chair Cameron: Getting back to crime at Plainridge Park, Penn has 28 facilities, and similarly sized facilities. Would it be possible to get data from these other facilities for comparison?

Mr. Bruce said yes.

Lieutenant Connors gave an overview of the FEU's onsite oversight activity and role.

Chair Cameron then introduced Loretta Lillios, Chief Enforcement Counsel/Deputy Director whose topic was speaking on the Background Investigation Process for Employees & Vendors of Gaming Establishments.

Ms. Lillios described the IEB's risk-based background suitability process for various categories of casino employees; the statutory suitability criteria and disqualifiers; the pre-adverse action, denial, and revocation process; and the IEB's ongoing risk assessment process.

Peggie Krippendorf then asked if her department could be of help and noted that other communities may be willing to provide additional data now that other communities were participating in supply their data.

Chair Cameron noted that Plainridge Park listened to the Chiefs' concerns about the 2:00 a.m. closing hour and changed their bar closing hour to 1:00 a.m.

Dana Pullman asked about the hours of operation and how that worked with the local policing.

Christopher Bruce noted that Plainridge Park established the right type of policies from the beginning.

Michael Morrissey was concerned about the compulsive gambling element.

Mark Vander Linden discussed some of the social problems associated with at-risk and problem gambling. He mentioned a target area of the surrounding communities as the area to do the first follow-up study of the effects from the casino.

Michael Morrissey mentioned that the Plainridge casino is a small facility and that Route 1 had issues before the casino opened such as when there were Patriot games or concerts.

A discussion ensued about ABCC's efforts around illegal slot machines and the need to educate police and Licensing Boards within each community.

Michael Morrissey: In certain jurisdictions there are illegal slots. However, local police have been cracking down on them. It will take educating police.

Chair Cameron asked for suggestions for Christopher Bruce regarding additional areas of research.

Mr. Bruce discussed the collaboration between the attorney General's office, State Police, local police. He stated that the relationship between them all is strong. ABCC is there routinely and works with the security personnel. Continued work by the District Attorneys' office and the Attorney General has led to criminal charges for TITO thefts, larceny v. non-larceny crimes.

Chair Cameron mentioned how pleased she was that the collaborations are working well, these relationship are developing now, and mentioned that Brian Connors has begun working with the Everett Chief of police.

Discussion concerning criminalization of TITO thefts in terms of amending legislation.

Discussion about possible topics for the September meeting: tribal compact, joint regulatory oversight and land in trust issues

Chair Cameron then closed the meeting.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gayle Cameron", written over a horizontal line.

By: Commission Gayle Cameron

Materials distributed at meeting:

1. Minutes to Meetings 1 and 2
2. *Assessing the Impact of Gambling on Public Safety in Massachusetts Cities and Towns – Evaluation of changes in police data after the first six months of operation of Plainridge Park* by Christopher W. Bruce
3. *Assessing the Impact of Gambling on Public Safety in Massachusetts Analysis of first quarter changes* by Christopher W. Bruce
4. *Summary of background Investigation process for Employees and Vendors of Gaming Establishments*