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<u>Community Notification</u> Massachusetts Gaming Commission to Hold Weekly Open Meeting

Meeting to Feature Racing Division Update, Status on Western MA Educational Forum and Guest Speakers on Problem Gambling and Economic Development

WHO:

Members of the *Massachusetts Gaming Commission* including **Chairman Steve Crosby; Commissioner Gayle Cameron; Commissioner James F. McHugh; Commissioner Bruce F. Stebbins** and **Commissioner Enrique Zuniga;** *Last Frontier Consulting* Principal, **Anne Allman**; *Boston College Carroll School of Management* Adjunct Associate Professor and *Harvard Medical, Division on Addiction* Research Assistant, **Richard McGowan** and *Hampshire College* Professor, **Robert Goodman**

WHAT:

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) will host its 16th open meeting. Commissioners will receive a comprehensive report from racing consultant, Anne Allman, who was commissioned by MGC to conduct a holistic overview of the current Massachusetts racing industry. The meeting will also feature a discussion regarding the upcoming educational forum in Western MA. In addition, Commissioners will hear from guest speakers, Professors Richard McGowan and Robert Goodman, who will provide insight on issues of disorder gambling and economic development. For more information on the meeting agenda, please visit www.mass.gov/gaming.

As part of MGC's ongoing commitment to an open, transparent and participatory process, community members who are unable to attend the open meeting are encouraged to watch live video of the discussion made available at http://www.mass.gov/gaming/meetings/mgc-meeting-july-17-2012.html. In addition, community members are invited to follow along with live meeting updates by connecting with us on Twitter, **@MassGamingComm**.

WHERE: 1000 Washington Street (Division of Insurance)

1st Floor, Meeting Room E

Boston, MA

WHEN: TUESDAY, July 17, 2012

12:00pm

About MGC

The mission of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission is to create a fair, transparent, and participatory process for implementing the expanded gaming law passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in November, 2011. In creating that process, the Commission will strive to ensure that its decision-making and regulatory systems engender the confidence of the public and participants, and that they provide the greatest possible economic development benefits and revenues to the people of the Commonwealth, reduce to the maximum extent possible the potentially negative or unintended consequences of the new legislation, and allow an appropriate return on investment for gaming providers that assures the operation of casino-resorts of the highest quality.