

Charitable Chatter

DCG Commissioner Appointed

Public Protection Cabinet Secretary Ambrose Wilson IV named Scott T. Jones commissioner of the Department of Charitable Gaming (DCG). Jones, of Louisville, succeeds Bob Sparrow who retired Dec. 31, 2014.

Jones most recently served as chief of staff in the Office of former House Speaker Pro Tem Larry Clark where he led the management team for 12 years. He previously served as general counsel to the DCG as well as staff attorney for the former Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Cabinet.

“Scott’s previous experience in the Department of Charitable Gaming will be a real asset to that department and the hundreds of charities that it serves,” said Sec. Wilson. “His knowledge and leadership abilities will serve the Commonwealth and our constituents well.”

Jones is a graduate of the University of Louisville with a Bachelor of Arts degree in communications and a minor in political science. He obtained his Juris Doctor from U of L and is a member of the Kentucky Bar Association.

DCG Deputy Commissioner Appointed

Elizabeth Whitehouse has been appointed Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Charitable Gaming. Elizabeth most recently served as Deputy Executive Director of the Governor’s Office of Early Childhood where she co-wrote Kentucky’s successful \$44.3 million Race to the Top grant application and helped shepherd through early childhood legislation. As a policy advisor to the Education and Workforce Development Cabinet Secretary she helped to establish the new Governor’s Office of Early Childhood.

In 2008, Elizabeth accepted a position within Governor Steve Beshear’s office, eventually serving as the Director of the Governor’s Office of Constituent Services. While in that role, she was also appointed to staff the Governor’s Task Force on Early Childhood Development and Education.

Prior to serving in the Beshear administration she served as the Deputy Director of Policy and Communication for the Kentucky State Treasurer’s Office.

Director of Licensing and Compliance Appointed

Prior to joining the Department of Charitable Gaming as Director of Licensing and Compliance, Greg Rankin served as Judge-Executive in Wayne County for eight years. During that time, he was the youngest Judge-Executive in the Commonwealth of Kentucky. As Judge-Executive, Greg reduced the county debt, created new tourism initiatives that resulted in record numbers of visitors to the area, and provided new and improved activities, programs, and facilities for the youth of the community, among many other accomplishments. Greg also previously served as Chairman of the Lake Cumberland District Health Department and Lake Cumberland Community Action Agency. Prior to serving as Judge-Executive, Greg managed a long-standing, successful grocery business in Monticello.



Additional employees that have joined the department:

Mary Smith—Executive Assistant I
Russell Farris—Compliance Officer
Regina Covington—Compliance Officer
Heather Young—Compliance Officer
Philip Deskins—Auditor
Henry Boone—Compliance Branch Manager

INFORMATION REGARDING ELECTRONIC PULLTABS:

On June 24, 2015 SB 33, authorizing the use of electronic pulltab devices in the conduct of charitable gaming, took effect. While this law is now in effect, the law also requires the department to draft regulations governing the use of electronic pulltab devices prior to those devices being used in the conduct of charitable gaming. The department has drafted and filed these required regulations and they are available for you to view at the following website: <http://www.lrc.ky.gov/kar/TITLE820.HTM> (the applicable regulations are highlighted in green). The draft regulations must go through the regulation review process which can take several months. The department will notify you when the regulations are approved. Until these regulations are approved, electronic pulltab devices and electronic pulltabs CANNOT be used in the conduct of charitable gaming and doing so would be a violation of charitable gaming law.

Manufacturers and distributors wishing to provide electronic pulltab devices and electronic pulltabs to the Kentucky market should file an application with the department. Current licensed manufacturers and distributors will need to amend their applications to state they intend to manufacture or distribute this product. The draft regulations require all electronic pulltab products to be tested by an independent testing lab and then approved by the department prior to their distribution. Any product found in the market without this approval would violate charitable gaming law. The approval process can take up to sixty (60) days.

Charitable organizations wishing to use electronic pulltab devices must also notify the department on their application. Licensed organizations will need to update their applications if they plan to offer electronic pulltab devices.

While the department cannot give an exact date electronic pulltab devices will be available for use, we anticipate they will be available to market by the end of the year. Please call Noelle Bailey or Scott Jones at 502-573-5528 if you have questions or require additional information.

On the Road with Charitable Gaming!!

Greetings!!

As a result of numerous requests for services offered by the Department of Charitable Gaming, the decision was made that the best way to address these concerns is to hold regional gaming training conferences.

The first and second conferences were held in the Northern and Western regions of Kentucky. A third regional conference is scheduled to be held at the Crowne Plaza Conference Center, located at 830 Phillips Lane, Louisville, KY. The first two conferences were well received by licensed organizations in each of these areas and both were full to capacity. The conferences offered a variety of trainings and product displays by Kentucky licensed Distributors and Manufacturers. All branches of the Department of Charitable Gaming, including licensing, compliance, audit and investigators participated in the training sessions. Representatives of the Public Protection Cabinet were also in attendance.

REMINDER

The third in this series of conferences for 2015 will be held in Louisville, covering the central region of the Commonwealth.

Conference Dates:

Friday, October 2, 2015 and Saturday, October 3, 2015

Both Sessions are from 9:30am-4:00pm

Welcoming with the Commissioner starts at 9:30am

Distributor and Manufacturer products will be on display prior to, during and after the training sessions.

Online registration is available prior to the conference. Seating is limited, so register quickly to insure your accommodations.

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Top Ten Financial Reporting Errors Made by Charitable Organizations

Stapling Reports – Only paper clip or use binder clips when submitting financial reports.

Calculation errors. Make sure you double check your numbers on your financial reports.

Failure to submit all 12 pages of financial report. All 12 pages must be submitted even if they do not pertain to the organization. If form is not used please put N/A on the form.

Failure to respond to caution letters. Many fines can be avoided just by sending requested information to DCG.

Not using current form. The financial report was revised on 11/13. Please use current forms.

Failure to list bank charge in the body of Attachment A. If it affects the gaming account it must be listed in the body of Attachment A.

Improper Signatories on bank accounts. When you change officers, make sure you add and remove names from your account.

Failure to update officers and chairpersons within 30 days of elections/ appointments.

Untimely filing of financial reports.

Overspending on expenses. Do not overspend on expenses when they are not needed so that your organization stays out of 40% trouble.



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Raffles

Any and all raffles conducted in the Commonwealth of Kentucky must be licensed. The raffle day, time, location must be clearly stated on the license. If your license does not show a raffle, the organization must obtain a temporary license before the raffle can take place.

Customer Service Contacts

If you have questions regarding charitable gaming, please feel free to contact a staff member listed below:

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Your assistance is appreciated!!

Please do not:

Staple documents together!

Staple checks to or put them in the middle of the documents!

Submit double sided documents!

Put multiple documents for different branches in the same envelope! (ie. Licensing documents with Accounting documents)

Please do:

Provide (file) license number on all documents submitted to our office!

Keep your email address updated and check it frequently!