



**NEW HAMPSHIRE**  
COUNCIL FOR RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING

September 19, 2021

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu  
and the Honorable Council  
State House  
Concord, New Hampshire 03301

REQUESTED ACTION

Authorize the acceptance of the New Hampshire Council on Responsible Gambling's Annual Report for the period ending June 30, 2021 as required by RSA 20:7. Effective upon Governor and Council approval.

EXPLANATION

I am pleased to offer the Annual Report to describe the formation and goals of the this newly-appointed Council, which addresses the social, financial and emotional costs of problem gambling, by providing information, education, advocacy and prevention services as well as referrals to treatment for problem gambling to those affected, their family and their loved ones, and the community.

Respectfully yours,

*Maura McCann*

Maura McCann, Chair  
New Hampshire Council on Responsible  
Gambling

**NEW HAMPSHIRE COUNCIL  
ON RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING  
ANNUAL REPORT**



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**RSA 20:7**

**JULY 1, 2020 – JUNE 30, 2021**



## **GOVERNOR AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu

Honorable Joseph D. Kenney, Executive Councilor, District One  
Honorable Cinde Warmington, Executive Councilor, District Two  
Honorable Janet Stevens, Executive Councilor, District Three  
Honorable Theodore L. Gatsas, Executive Councilor, District Four  
Honorable David K. Wheeler, Executive Councilor, District Five

## **New Hampshire Council on Responsible Gambling**

### **Mission Statement**

The New Hampshire Council on Responsible Gambling is administratively attached to the New Hampshire Lottery Commission in accordance with RSA 21-G:10. The council addresses the social, financial and emotional costs of problem gambling by providing information, education, advocacy and prevention services as well as referrals to treatment for problem gambling to those affected, their family and their loved ones and the community.

## CHAPTER 338-B COUNCIL FOR RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING

**338-B:1 Definitions.** – In this chapter, "council" means the council for responsible gambling.

**Source.** 2019, 215:5, eff. July 12, 2019.

**338-B:2 Statement of Purpose.** – Education, prevention, and treatment relating to gambling disorders are an integral part of a responsible gaming environment within the state.

**Source.** 2019, 215:5, eff. July 12, 2019.

**338-B:3 Establishment.** – There is established the council for responsible gambling which shall promote education, prevention, and treatment of problem gambling within the state.

**Source.** 2019, 215:5, eff. July 12, 2019.

**338-B:4 Membership.** –

I. The council shall consist of 5 members appointed by the governor and executive council and shall be qualified in the field of addiction or mental health services with a focus on problem gambling and shall be residents of the state. A member may be removed by the governor and executive council only for cause shown in accordance with RSA 4:1. The members shall elect one of their number as chairperson. Three members of the council shall constitute a quorum.

II. Members shall serve 3 year terms and until their successors are appointed; provided that for the initial appointments only, one member shall be appointed to a term of one year, 2 members shall be appointed to a term of 2 years and 2 members shall be appointed to a term of 3 years. Any vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired terms.

III. Members of the council shall receive mileage at the rate of state employees when attending meetings of the council or performing duties on behalf of the council.

**Source.** 2019, 215:5, eff. July 12, 2019.

**338-B:5 Powers and Duties.** – The council shall have the authority to enter into grants and contracts for the purposes of furthering education, prevention, and treatment of problem gambling within the state.

**Source.** 2019, 215:5, eff. July 12, 2019.

**338-B:6 Report of the Council.** – The council shall submit a biennial report to the governor and executive council on or before October 1 of each even-numbered year. The report shall include a description of the council's activities including a financial report for the relevant time period.

**Source.** 2019, 215:5, eff. July 12, 2019.

**338-B:7 Administrative Attachment.** – The council shall be administratively attached to the lottery commission in accordance with RSA 21-G:10. In addition to the support provided to an administratively attached agency, the lottery commission shall also provide the following to the council:

I. Funding in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 per fiscal year to conduct the activities prescribed by this chapter. In accordance with the purpose of this chapter, these payments shall be considered administrative expenses of the lottery commission as set forth in RSA 284:21-j.

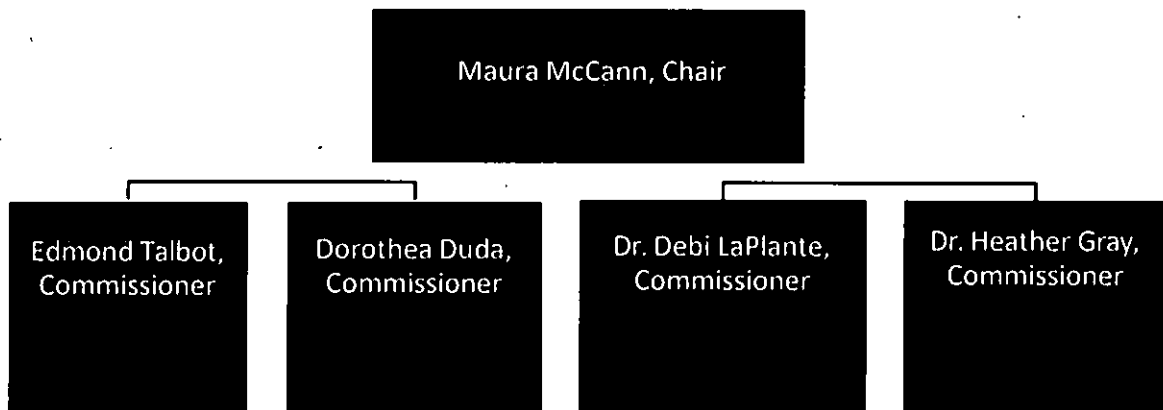
II. Meeting and office space as reasonably required by the council to conduct the activities prescribed by this chapter.

III. Personnel as reasonably required by the council to conduct activities prescribed by this chapter, except that the lottery commission may charge the council for use of such personnel pursuant to an agreement between the lottery commission and the council.

**Source.** 2019, 215:5, eff. July 12, 2019.

# ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

## New Hampshire Council on Responsible Gambling



The New Hampshire Council for Responsible Gambling (a non-profit public council) was created by RSA 338-B. For seven years prior to the council's creation, a private non-profit council under the name of the New Hampshire Council for Problem Gambling, engaged in the education and support of problem gamblers. In January of 2020, the Governor and Executive Council appointed five members from the private council as members of the public council as they were the foremost experts in New Hampshire on this subject. Funding of the New Hampshire Council on Responsible Gambling is part of Chapter 338-B. The membership remains the same as stated in the organizational chart above.

Our members continue to maintain the daily work done by the New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling and with the oversight provided by the New Hampshire Council for Responsible Gambling. The New Hampshire Council for Responsible Gambling is administratively attached, yet separate from the New Hampshire Lottery Commission. The Council's progress this past year began in earnest with funding and a contract award to implement meaningful programming and services

### Council Members

Maura McCann, Concord	Effective: October 2, 2019	Term: October 2, 2023
Heather M. Gray, Derry	Effective: September 18, 2019	Term: September 18, 2022
Debi A. LaPlante, Salem	Effective: September 18, 2019	Term: September 18, 2022
Dorothea Duda, Nashua	Effective: September 18, 2019	Term: September 18, 2024
Edmond, Talbot, Madison	Effective: September 18, 2019	Term: September 18, 2024

All council members serve without compensation, except for mileage reimbursement (see below).

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Budget: \$90,000.00\*

Expenses: \$22,500.00 (staffing of the hotline, treatment referral)

\$20,899.00 (website, creative, promotion support)

\$29,700.00 (National Consulting Contract)

\$ 9,502.50 (New Futures Co-Office Space)

\$ 7,500.00 (N.H.A.D.AC.A Contract)

\*Funding and contract approval by the New Hampshire Executive Council at the April 7, 2021 Meeting. The budget reflects the staffing of the 24/7 hotline, treatment referral, recovery and community support as well as payment for co-office space with New Futures of Concord, NH. Two additional contracts were approved by the New Hampshire Council for Responsible Gambling. The National Consulting contract is assisting with the 1 to 3 year strategic action plan to expand the helpline services, awareness building and training duties and the New Hampshire Alcohol & Drug Abuse Counselors Association is working with us to develop and provide an educational course leading to certification for mental health providers across the state.

Respectfully submitted,

Maura McCann

Chairman, New Hampshire Council on Responsible Gambling, 2020-2021 (Term 10/2/2019 – 10/2//2023)

Initial submission October, 2021