



The New Hampshire Council on Responsible Gambling

September 25, 2020

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Executive Council
State House
107 N Main Street
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, 2020 as required by RSA 20:7. Effective upon Governor and Council approval.

EXPLANATION

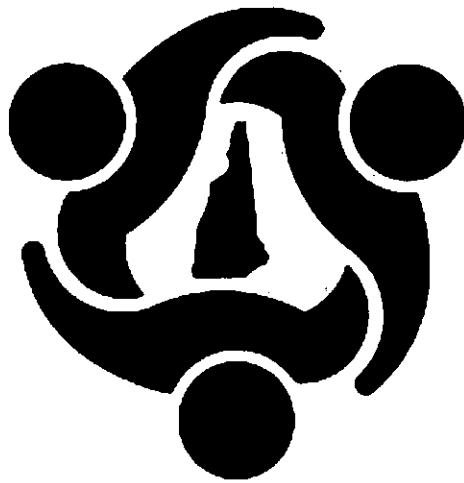
I am pleased to offer the Annual Report to describe the formation and goals of the this newly-appointed Council, which addresses the social, financial and emotional costs of problem gambling, by providing information, education, advocacy and prevention services as well as referrals to treatment for problem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

Respectfully yours,

Maura McCann

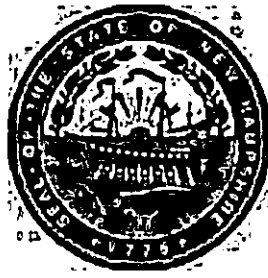
Maura McCann, Chair
New Hampshire Council on Responsible
Gambling

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



RSA 20:7

JULY 1, 2019 – JUNE 30, 2020



GOVERNOR AND EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu

Honorable Michael J. Cryans, Executive Councilor, District One
Honorable Andru Volinsky, Executive Councilor, District Two
Honorable Russell E. Prescott, Executive Councilor, District Three
Honorable Theodore L. Gatsas, Executive Councilor, District Four
Honorable Debora B. Pignatelli, Executive Councilor, District Five

New Hampshire Council on Responsible Gambling

January 2020 to Present

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.

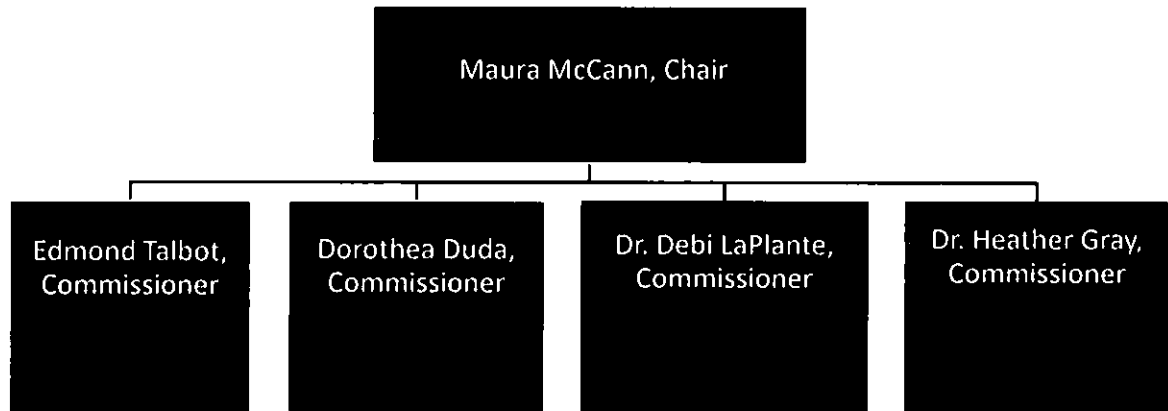
II. Meeting and office space as reasonably required by the council to conduct the activities prescribed by this chapter.

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 recently created by RSA 338-B. For seven years prior, 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 the five members in the organizational chart above 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.

Our members faced many challenges in both maintaining the work done by the New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling and now this newly-formed Council, including understanding how the Council works as administratively attached, yet separate from the New Hampshire Lottery Commission. The Council's progress was hampered by the unforeseen challenges wrought by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Council Members

Maura McCann, Concord	Effective: October 2, 2019	Term: October 2, 2020
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, 2021
Edmond, Talbot, Madison	Effective: September 18, 2019	Term: September 18, 2021

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

Budget:	\$250,000.00*
Expenses:	\$ 6,000.00 (staffing of the hotline, treatment referral)
	\$ 572.00 (email hosting)
	\$ 212.60 (mileage)

*The New Hampshire Council on Responsible Gaming was sworn in January, 2020. At the quarterly meeting in early March 2020, the council approved an invoice for staffing of the 24/7 hotline, treatment referral, recovery and community support as well as mileage. A Request for Proposal was drafted to increase services for the upwards of 20,000 individuals in New Hampshire who have a gambling problem. The Covid-19 Pandemic struck which slowed our progress on finalizing the RFP for issuance.

Respectfully submitted,
Maura McCann
Chairman, New Hampshire Council on Responsible Gambling, 2019-2020 (Term 5/19/2015 - 3/5/2020)
Initial submission October 2020