



NEW HAMPSHIRE
COUNCIL FOR RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING

September 23, 2022

His Excellency, Governor Christopher T. Sununu
and the Honorable Executive 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, 2022 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 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



N E W H A M P S H I R E
COUNCIL FOR RESPONSIBLE GAMBLING

RSA 20:7

JULY 1, 2021 – JUNE 30, 2022



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.

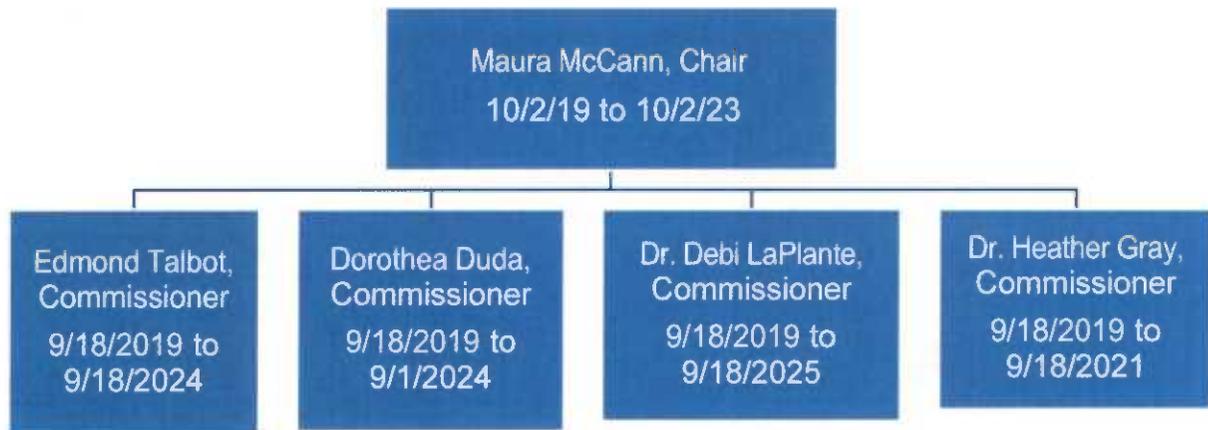
338-B:7 Administrative Attachment. –
The council shall be administratively attached to the lottery commission in accordance with RSA 21-G:10. In addition to the support provided to an administratively attached agency, the lottery commission shall also provide the following to the council:

- 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 in 2020 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 field of 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. To this day, the same five members continue to serve and are grateful to be nominated by Governor Sununu and confirmed by the Executive Council to continue the mission.

Funding of the New Hampshire Council on Responsible Gambling is part of Chapter 338-B. Our members continue to support the work done by the New Hampshire Council on Problem Gambling to provide assistance to those who seek help or from family members and friends that seek help for an acquaintance, to provide training for mental health facilities statewide to screen for the addiction, to support facilities and venues that provide treatment for the addiction and to celebrate and inspire the stories of success.

Budget:	\$100,000.00*
Expenses:	
Helpline:	\$36,000.00
Advocacy:	\$ 6,000.00
Community Outreach:	\$24,000.00
Training:	\$24,000.00
Printed Materials Where to find Help:	\$ 6,943.78

*The New Hampshire Council on Responsible Gaming approved budgetary expenses for staffing of the 24/7 hotline, treatment referral, recovery and community support.

Respectfully submitted,
Maura McCann
Chairman, New Hampshire Council on Responsible Gambling, 2019-2023 (Term 5/19/2015 –
10/2/2023)
Initial submission October 2022