



The Massachusetts Council  
ON GAMING AND HEALTH  
*We Understand the Problem. We Can Help.*

## Recovery Advisory Board Member Description

### Purpose

The Recovery Advisory Board (RAB) of the Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health (MACGH) is comprised of people impacted by problem gambling in and their family members and loved ones. We seek to assemble a diverse board whose members' lived experiences can contribute to the Council's understanding of how gambling affects different communities within North America and the UK and increase the range and effectiveness of its efforts to support all concerned individuals.

The primary function of the Recovery Advisory Board is to advise and provide a recovery centered perspective to the MACGH and its primary funder, the Mass. Gaming Commission (MGC), as it relates to program planning and development. Advisory Board members act in a voluntary capacity to increase problem gambling awareness, give feedback on harm minimization strategies, and elevate the voices of people impacted by gambling disorder.

### Member Functions

- Attend Quarterly Meetings over Zoom led by the Chief Program Officer and the Director of Recovery Support Services.
- Provide guidance and direction to MACGH and MGC regarding programmatic and communication activities.
- Advise MACGH and MGC on goals related to safer gambling and gambling disorder. Members will be asked to address both safer gambling and problem gambling tools, plans, and resources.
- Assist in development and planning of recovery events, workshops, and retreats.
- Occasionally attend in-person or virtual events.
- Serve as a RAB ambassador to outside groups, organizations, and institutions.
- Assist in the promotion of events and dissemination of information regarding safer gambling and gambling disorder initiatives.
- Assist in the identification of community partners and collaborative opportunities to promote both prevention and recovery.

### Terms of Participation

Recovery Advisory Board members must identify as having experienced problems with their gambling or identify as a family member or loved one of someone with problem gambling. RAB members should reside in North America or the UK. We will ask applicants to provide their understanding/definition of recovery in their application. Members agree to service for a minimum of one year on the Advisory Board. Members will NOT be publicly acknowledged (by picture or name) as RAB members by MACGH and MGC without permission but are encouraged to personally identify as an Advisory Board member as they see fit. The RAB will meet

quarterly over Zoom and at a time that works best for most members. Members commit to remain active with their support networks and to strive to uphold their functions as members. On occasion, members may be asked to attend a related event or meeting to represent the MACGH or MGC at a function. Members must be open to working with and learning from people with different backgrounds, experiences, abilities, identities.

### Confidentiality

RAB meetings will not be open to the public or recorded, unless specifically stated.

Members are expected to maintain the confidentiality of other group members, event participants, and of any personal information they are privy to in the context of their role with the Board. Members agree to consult with the appropriate staff if there are any questions about the confidentiality of any information.

### Stipend/Reimbursement

RAB Members will receive a stipend of \$50 gift card per meeting or any additional event. If RAB members are asked to attend in-person events, their mileage or travel expenses will be reimbursed.

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