



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

## Lived Experience Advisory Program

### Purpose

The **Lived Experience Advisory Program (LEAP)** of the Massachusetts Council on Gaming and Health (MACGH) is comprised of people in recovery from gambling disorder and their family members and loved ones. The primary function of LEAP is to advise and provide a recovery centered perspective to organizations seeking to integrate lived experience into program planning and development. LEAP members act in a capacity to increase harm minimization tools, drive problem gambling awareness, and center the voices of people impacted by gambling disorder within a wide range of projects.

### Member Functions

- Attend Monthly Meetings over Zoom led by the Chief Program Officer and the Director of Recovery Support Services
- Provide guidance and direction to MACGH and other participating organizations regarding recovery community awareness, impact, involvement, and efforts
- Advise MACGH and other participating organizations on goals related to responsible gambling and gambling disorder
- Assist in development and planning of recovery focused events, workshops, and retreats.
- Occasionally attend in-person or virtual events
- Serve as an ambassador to outside groups, organizations, and institutions
- Assist in the promotion of events and dissemination of information regarding Responsible Gambling and Problem Gambling initiatives
- Assist in the identification of community partners and collaborative opportunities that center prevention and recovery efforts

### Terms of Participation

Members of LEAP must identify as having experienced problems with their gambling or identify as a family member or loved one of someone with problematic gambling. Members should reside in North America. 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 LEAP. Members will NOT be publicly acknowledged (by picture or name) as LEAP members by MACGH and MGC without permission but are encouraged to personally identify as a LEAP member as they see fit. LEAP will meet monthly 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. Members must be open to working with and learning from people with different backgrounds, experiences, abilities, identities.

### Confidentiality

LEAP 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 LEAP. Members agree to consult with the appropriate staff if there are any questions about the confidentiality of any information.

### Stipend/Reimbursement

LEAP members will receive a stipend of \$50 per meeting/hour of activity. If LEAP members are invited to attend in-person events, their mileage or travel expenses will also be reimbursed.

Please click on the link below to apply!

<https://online2.snapsurveys.com/2kc4y2>

### Time Commitment

LEAP Members can expect to have about 2 hours of working time each month.