

Oakland County Senior Advisory Council Meeting
Monday, February 26, 2024
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

WELCOME & CALL TO ORDER:

Chairperson Rock Abboud called the meeting to order at 10:06 am, welcomed everyone and began with self-introductions for new members.

Attendance:

Dist	RC	Name	Dist	RC	Name	Dist	RC	Name
1	E	Royetta Ealba	2	P	Mark Kelly	3	P	Suzanne Patton
4	P	Dianne Bubnar	5		V	6	E	Bridgette Giampa
7	V		8	P	Robert Whitcomb	9	E	Ruth Jordan
10	P	Cameron McClure	11	A	Sylvia Whitmer	12	P	Rusty Rosman
13	E	Norene Yuskowatz	14	P	Dean McCullough	15	P	Brenda Anderson
16	V		17	P	Barbara Seldon	18	P	Greg Keeler
19	E	Martha Schlesinger	AL	P	Rock Abboud	AL	E	Marcus Jackson
SR	P	Pat Zawadzki						

Key: District# (AL- Member-at-Large, SR – Staff Rep); RC=Attendance P-present; E - Excused; A – Absent; V – Vacant; Name = District Council Member

OTHERS PRESENT:

Genessa Doolittle, Public Health Educator, Oakland County Health Division
 Dr. Russell Faust, Director of Health and Human Services, Oakland County
 Jim Ellison, Chief of Older Adult Services, Oakland County
 Katie Wendel, Director of Planning and Advocacy, AgeWays
 Sarah Rye, Coordinator, Michigan Gaming Control Board
 Kristin Nelson, Oakland County Commissioner, District #10
 BriOna Taylor, Michigan Gaming Control Board
 Sandra Johnson, Michigan Gaming Control Board
 Madeline Johnston, Michigan Gaming Control Board
 Hurlstein Lyles, Michigan Gaming Control Board

ROLL CALL:

Roll call was completed and there was a quorum (12 members, six presenters).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Senior Advisory Council minutes for the meeting held January 22nd were approved.

HEALTH DIVISION UPDATE: Dr. Russell Faust, Medical Director, Oakland County Health Division

- A case of measles was confirmed in Oakland County.
- There are some adults that have not been adequately vaccinated with MMR (Measles, Mumps, Rubella) vaccine.
- Adults vaccinated between 1963 – 1967, those that have not had measles, and those with unknown vaccination status should be re-vaccinated.
- Those not vaccinated prior to 1957 should be vaccinated.
- It is a two series vaccine: first vaccine then one month later the second vaccine.
- Those going back to college campuses and those working in hospitals are at increased risk.
- All adults with children and grandchildren are encouraged to be vaccinated.
- Measles can be fatal for those under five and those sixty-five and above, with risk for pneumonia, nerve deafness, encephalitis, rashes, and brain damage.

PRESENTATION: Sarah Rye, Coordinator, Responsible Gaming Section, Michigan Gaming Control Board (MGCB)

PowerPoint Presentation at the end of meeting minutes.

- MGCB Mission: Honest and fair gaming, and protecting the interest of the citizens of Michigan
- Five-member board appointed by the governor, licensing and regulating of all gaming including horse racing, Detroit casinos, internet gaming, charity gaming, millionaire parties,
- The State of Michigan does have oversight authority over compliance with the Tribal Gaming Compacts. The compacts are written agreements between the tribal communities and the State and signed by the Governor. The Governor assigned the MGCB staff responsibility for auditing compliance with compact provisions. The five-member Board is not involved with tribal casinos.
- MGCB also provide investigations for patron disputes, violations, and other various activities such as:
- Responsible Gaming (RG): A new board only about 2 years in existence. The board was formed as a neutral entity to manage problem gambling. Problems such as persons with mental/behavioral disorders, substance use disorders, gambling addiction (which has the highest suicide rate of all addictions). It is important to understand and recognize the signs of problem gambling. It was introduced in 1980 as a mental disorder and subsequently in 2013 as an addiction / behavioral addiction.
- **Vulnerable Populations:**

- **Older adults**, retired with limited finances may neglect paying bills, use savings, insurance, large credit card debt, and borrow to gamble.
- **Veterans**, at greater risk because of the stigma of being stronger and being able to manage anything.
- **Minorities**, low income will gamble hoping to win for the need to make quick money.
- **Adolescents**, social media makes online gambling for adolescents accessible. Parents must regulate.
- Disassociated Persons List:
 - Pursuant to Michigan law from 1996, the MGCB developed the Disassociated Persons List.
 - More males than females on the list. The numbers are growing.
- Disassociated On-line Gambling, banning yourself from online gaming using the online database option.
 - Voluntary program. The form is online. You must apply.
 - Confidential, not public information
- Self-Exclusion Laws:
 - By law, online and physical casinos must provide a mechanism so consumers can exclude themselves from being able to place bets. Self-exclusion allows anyone to place their name on a list for a fixed time or permanently.
 - Michigan offers a Responsible Gambling Hotline at 1-888-223-3044.
- “Don’t regret the Bet.” An outreach program.
 - March 6, 2023, MGCB collaborating with King Media introduced a state-wide multi-media responsible gaming campaign, Don’t Regret the Bet, to encourage Michigan residents to wager responsibly when placing bets using the state’s legal, regulated forms of gaming.
 - March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE: Katie Wendell, Director, Planning and Advocacy, AgeWays

- The governor introduced the budget for fiscal year 2025. It begins October 1, 2024. The house and senate then release their own proposals that are reconciled. This is the start of a process that will wrap up in June.
- There is a lot less one-time spending this budget that has not been seen in years. ARPA funds (rescue plan funds) have been allocated to communities so there are fewer federal funds to be portioned out for one-time initiatives.
- For the fiscal year 2024 budget there is a one-time \$1 million increase for home delivered meals.
- For My Choice Program, the governor supports an 11% budget increase for those on Medicaid. Actuary sets the rates.
- There is a surprise \$5 million investment for My Choice Care Givers support to create a structured family care givers program. AgeWays is waiting for the full legislative language to come out for this project.

- Caring for my Family Tax Credit Proposal is a credit for family caregivers for expenses they incur caring for older adults and the disabled. It is a \$5 thousand dollar maximum and a nonrefundable tax credit. You must have an income tax burden. It is targeted for working adult children that bear that burden.
- AgeWays has created an Advocacy Landing Page for their ombudsman which includes all the research and resources and advocacy tools that AgeWays has accomplished.

COMMISSIONER UPDATE: Commissioner Kristen Nelson:

- Volunteerism grant for Non-Profits: A grant application program to increase volunteer assistance for non-profits that serve older adults in Oakland County.
- The deadline is February 28, 2024.
- There were three top non-profits that the fifty-thousand-dollar grant was geared toward.
- The Healthy Aging Ad hoc Committee for the past six months has been working with the OLSHA Pilot Senior Chore Program.
- The COVID 19 Snail Mail pieces have been going out to senior homes across Oakland County. What are some of the things SAC would like to see in these educational pieces?

COUNTY UPDATE: Jim Ellison, Chief of Adult Services

- The planned coffee and conversation event in South Lyon had thirty people in attendance.
- There will be a senior expo at San Marino Club in Troy on March 13, 2024.
- The application for an assistant is proceeding. They are down to four applicants. The assistant should be on board by the middle of March.
- Jim expects to have his newsletter out in a few weeks. The newsletter will be distributed by the voter rolls. No centers will be excluded.
- Jim apologized to Greg Keeler for not attending or calling the scheduled meeting at Pearl Wright Senior Center in Royal Oak. He will be setting up another meeting.
- Select Senior Center directors gathered at a meeting planned by Mark Kelly and attended by Jim Ellison on 2/26/24 to share ideas. Dianne Bubnar stated that there is a group of 30 Senior Center Directors that have been getting together for many years.

ROUND TABLE DISTRICT ACTIVITIES: Everyone

District #2, Mark Kelly:

Working with Jim Ellison on meeting directors within his area. All are 5 to 15 minutes from his front door.

District #4 SAC member Dianne Bubnar:

Each March there is a swing into action wellness program with complimentary classes. This year there is a twist (you can go online and find programs).

District #8, SAC member Robert Whitcomb:

Self-introduction.

District #10 SAC member Cam McClure:

The last center to receive their award (\$250,000) is Waterford. In March there will be a school board meeting to approve the senior center grant. The "J" Jewish Community Center is alive and doing all kinds of programs.

District #11 SAC member Sylvia Whitmer:

West Bloomfield is trying to get their building. Architects are ready First need approval of the commissioners and then there will need to be a 25-million-dollar bond.

District #12 SAC member Rusty Rosman:

Self-introduction. The Commerce Senior Center does a wonderful job sharing their newsletter and their programs are well attended. Rusty Rosman felt there is a problem because are no local newspapers and it is difficult to get information out.

District #14 SAC member Dean McCollough:

The city council has approved the contract and funding to build a pickleball court this summer.

District # 15, SAC member Brenda Anderson:

The Costick center in Farmington Hills will be having a veteran's resource fair on May 23, 2024, from 9AM until 12PM. Northville had an open house which she attended.

District #17, SAC member Barbara Seldon:

Barbara Seldon attended the Director's Forum prepared by Mark Kelly and Jim Ellison on February 21, 2024. Barbara met with Angie Varges (COSA Chair). On March 8, 2024, there will be the annual Senior Vendor Fair where seniors can meet local senior resource vendors and get information on services and goods. The Beechwood Center is very active, and the wellness fitness center is growing. There remain concerns about how the \$250,000-dollar matching grant will be utilized.

District#18, SAC member Greg Keeler:

Attended Black History Month event at Royal Oak. Talked about how the funds from the recovery act will be used.

Member at Large, Rock Abboud, NEXT Senior Center

November 7, 2023, voters voted for a milage for funding a new center for Birmingham. Instead of continuing to rent, Birmingham decided to buy the YMCA. On April 4, 2024, there will be an event to raise funds for the new center. Mark Rancini, a Frank Sinatra singer, will entertain.

SAC Coordinator, Patricia Zawadzki:

Norene Yuskowatz who is excused for today, wanted to let SAC know that the South Lyons Senior Center has been closed for the last two weeks because of COVID.

Save the Date for the State of the County Address on April 4, 2024.

County name tags will be issued again as in the past. You will have to apply for it every year. Forms will be sent, and a background check will be performed on everyone.

Finally, as a point of courtesy. Anyone that has been on this call today can see when you get up from your virtual call. **Please close out your camera.** It is a bit disrespectful to the presenters to get up to get coffee or make breakfast.

Chairperson Rock Abboud thanked Commissioner Nelson and Sarah Rye for today's presentation.

ADJOURNMENT: Rock Abboud

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 PM

**NEXT MEETING
VIRTUAL
MONDAY March 18, 2024
Microsoft Teams link will be shared prior to the meeting.
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Michigan Gaming Control Board



Our Mission

The Michigan Gaming Control Board Shall Ensure
The Conduct Of Fair And Honest Gaming To
Protect The Interests Of The Citizens Of The State
Of Michigan

Responsible Gaming Section:

Sandra Johnson, Manager
Sarah Rye, Specialist
Bri'Ona Taylor, Analyst
Stina Lyles, Analyst
Madeline Johnston, Dept Technician

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Michigan Gaming Control Board

What We Do



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➤ The Board is composed of five members and an executive director appointed by the Governor

- Gaming Control & Revenue Act
- Traxler-McCauley-Law-Bowman Bingo Act 382 of 1972
- Horse Racing Law of 1995
- Lawful Internet Gaming Act
- Lawful Sports Betting Act
- Fantasy Contests Consumer Protection Act

➤ Licensing and Regulation

- Detroit commercial casino gaming operations
- Online gaming and sports betting operators, platform providers and suppliers
- Pari-mutuel horse racing
- Casino-style charitable gaming
- Audits tribal gaming compact agreement compliance

➤ Investigations

- Patron Disputes
- Violations of the various gaming acts
- Investigates illegal gambling activities

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Responsible Gaming Section

What We Do



- Voluntary Self-Exclusion Programs
- Problem Gambling Diversion Program
- Community Resources
- Outreach Events
- Speaking Engagements
- *Don't Regret The Bet Campaign*

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What is Responsible Gaming?

Responsible Gaming occurs in a regulated environment where the potential for harm associated with gaming is minimized and people make informed decisions about their participation in gaming. (UNLV ICRG course)

- Shared responsibility between individuals, the gaming industry, the community, and the government
- **EXAMPLES** of Responsible Gaming
 - Set limits on gambling activities (time limit, dollar limit, etc.)
 - Casino staff cut off players who are intoxicated or poor mental state
 - Strong internal controls to protect personal and financial data
 - Message pop-ups triggered at certain intervals to remind players to take a break
 - Keep online gaming accounts secure to prevent children from using them
 - Understand the signs of problem gambling and the exclusion programs available

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What is Problem Gambling?

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- Gambling significantly interferes with personal, professional, and financial lives
- 1980 - Pathological/problem gambling was first introduced as a mental disorder
- 2013, American Psychiatric Association classified gambling disorder as an addiction disorder
- Most frequently co-occurs with other mental health and substance use disorders
- Gambling has the highest suicide rate of all addictions
- DHHS manages the Problem Gambling Helpline



Nationally between 1% and 3% of the general adult (18+) population, or over 5.1 million people, experience a gambling problem every year (NCPG)

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Vulnerable Populations

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- **Older Adults:** Older adults are usually retired and have limited finances; when they lose, it's hard for them to earn back that money.
- **Military Members and Veterans:** Military members and veterans are at greater risk than the general public for developing problem gambling. Military culture and stigma to seeking help for mental health.
- **Minorities:** Vulnerability is high in people with low incomes who have more to gain with a big win
- **Adolescents:** Two-thirds of adolescents, ages 12 to 18, said they had gambled or played gambling-like games in the previous year. (1) Loot Boxes and other in-game reward mechanisms tap into the same psychological principles that draw people to slot machines.

(1) 2018 Canadian survey of more than 38,000 youth funded by the government of British Columbia (Understanding the Odds, McCreary Centre Society, 2021 [PDF, 1.1MB])



Sports Betting is on the rise. The fastest-growing group of sports gamblers are between 21 and 24 years old.

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MotorCity Casino

Hollywood Casino at Greektown

MGM Grand Detroit Casino







































Voluntary Self-Exclusion

What programs are available in Michigan?

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Michigan Voluntary Self-Exclusion Programs

Disassociated Persons List

- Michigan Gaming Control and Revenue Act
- Commercial Casinos (Greektown, MotorCity, MGM)



Responsible Gaming Database

- Lawful Internet Gaming Act & Lawful Sports Betting Act
- Online Gambling and Sports Betting sites



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Disassociated Persons List

Participation in the Disassociated Persons program is completely voluntary – only the voluntary participant may be added to the list. Persons placed on the List voluntarily pledge to make a lifetime commitment to never visit a Detroit casino.

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Disassociated Persons List (DPL)

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Facts

- Voluntary self-exclusion from gambling at Detroit casinos
- May not enter or be present on casino gaming floor for any reason
- Permitted in the hotel and conference areas
- Consequences for violating the terms and conditions:
 - Criminal trespassing, which is punishable by imprisonment for not more than one year, a fine of not more than \$1,000 or both
 - Winnings are confiscated
- Confidential program, not open for public inspection
- DPL does not cover tribal casinos; applicant will need to contact individual tribal casino properties for information on self-exclusion.
- Lifetime program. After 5 years on the list, applicant is eligible to apply for removal.

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Disassociated Persons List

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Placement on the DPL

- Appointments only
- ID verification
- Appointment session is video recorded
- Comprehensive review of application
- Applicant picture and information is electronically sent to the Detroit casinos upon completion of appointment
- Provided counseling information and responsible gaming literature

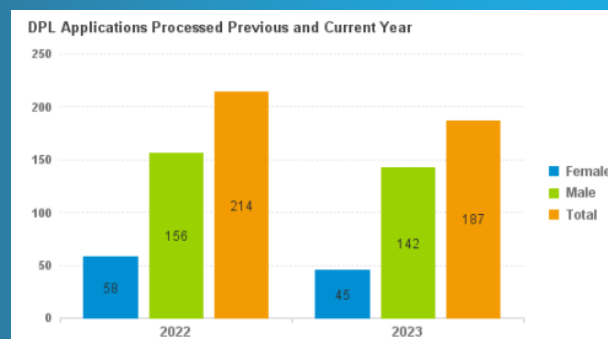
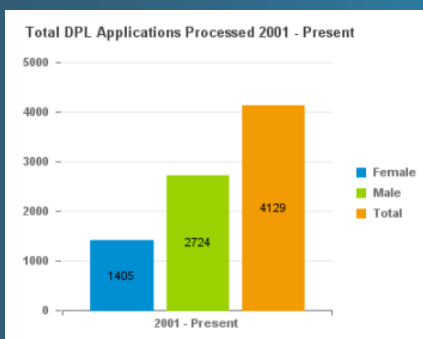


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Disassociated Persons List

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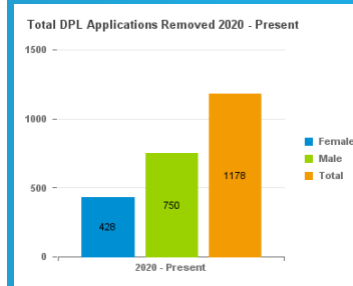
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Disassociated Persons List

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Request for Removal

- ✓ Public Act 225 of 2020
- ✓ Eligible only after 5 years
- ✓ Application available online
- ✓ Processing time
- ✓ Same process if they wish to return to DPL



The first Removal Application was approved on 11/19/2020. Since then, over 80 applicants have requested to be placed BACK on the DPL.

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Responsible Gaming Database

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Responsible Gaming Database prohibits establishing any online gaming or sports betting accounts or participating in online gaming and/or sports betting with all providers authorized in Michigan for one year or five years.

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Responsible Gaming Database (RGD) 15

Facts

- Voluntary self-exclusion from online gaming and online sports betting in Michigan
- Includes all 15 licensed online operators; associated with commercial casinos and tribal casino online platforms
- Application and verification
- 1-year or 5-year options
- Automatic removal when the time expires
- Confidential program
- Over 725 people are listed in the RGD



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DPL

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RGD

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- ❖ Exclusion from in-person gambling
- ❖ In-person appointment
- ❖ Criminal trespassing charge



- ❖ Exclusion from online gambling
- ❖ Email, mail or drop off application
- ❖ No criminal consequence



- ❖ Immediately in affect
- ❖ Lifetime. Eligible for removal after 5 years



- ❖ Application processing time
- ❖ 1-year or 5-year exclusion

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Outreach

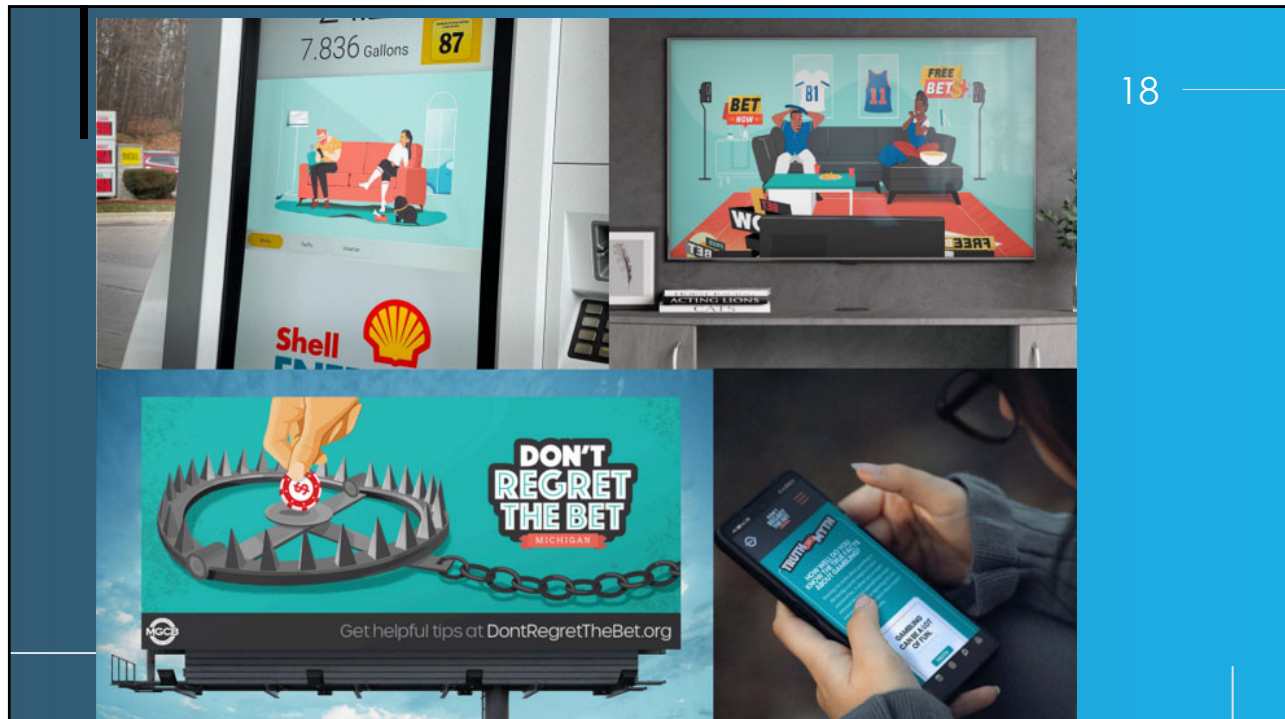
Community Resources

- DontRegretTheBet.org
- Michigan.gov/macb
- Presentations and partnerships
- *Double Down Michigan* podcast
- Gift Responsibly Campaign (Holidays)
- March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month



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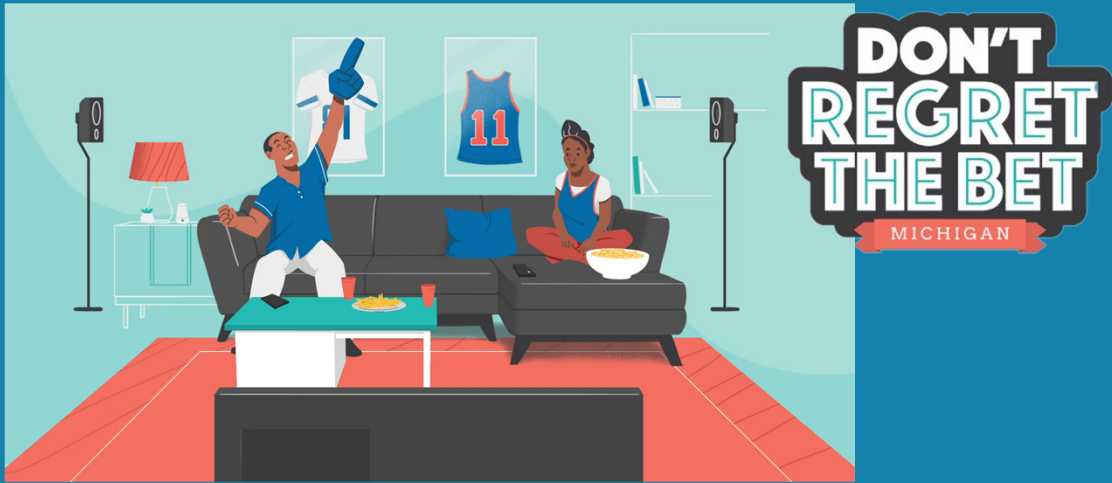
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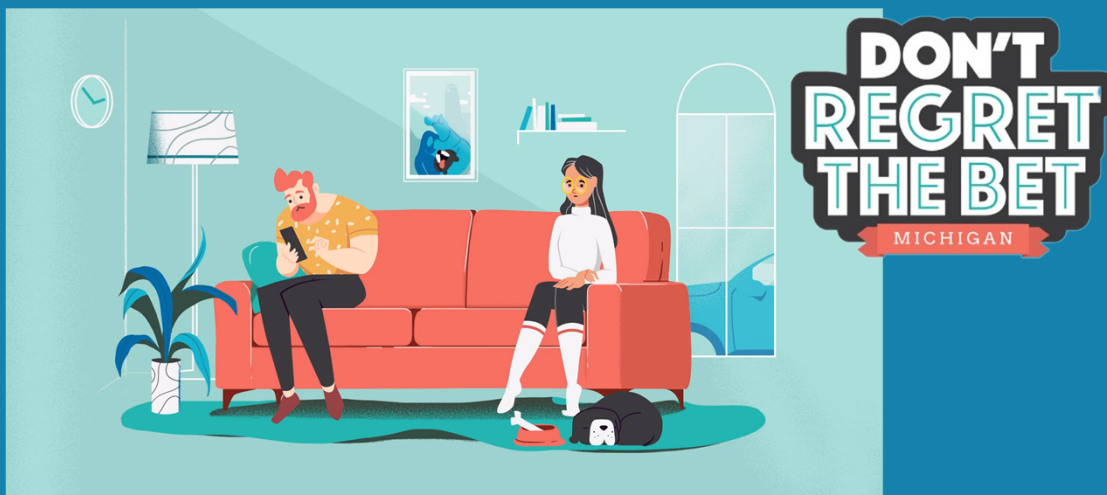
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Commercials (TV & Social Media) 19



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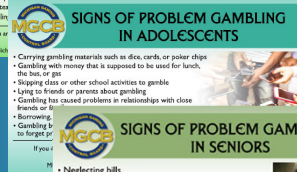
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Request a package of Responsible Gaming Resources



MICHIGAN GAMING CONTROL BOARD
URGES AWARENESS OF REMAINING RESPONSIBLE WHILE GAMING

Online Responsible Gaming Tools

Did you know?
While most gambling doesn't hurt anyone, some people do become "hooked" on gambling and can't stop betting. For those who want to exercise control over their gambling, the online gaming and sports betting providers offer several options on their sites.

Time Limits:
• Customers can opt into a time management system that allows you to limit your daily weekly and/or monthly time on the site; after exceeding this time you are prevented from further play.

Spending Limits:
• Online gaming and sports betting sites offer reminders during your session of time spent on the site and the amounts spent; these can be done every 15, 30 or 45 minutes.

• Deposit - limit the total dollar amount that can be deposited to your account on a daily, weekly and/or monthly basis.

• Total Wager - limit the total dollar amount allowed per wager on a daily, weekly and/or monthly basis.

• Maximum Single Wager - limit the total dollar amount per line on each wager allowed on a daily, weekly and/or monthly basis.

"Cooling off Period"
• Many platform providers allow customers to temporarily suspend their account from further gaming; suspensions span from days to weeks and cannot be reversed.

• During the suspension, customers are unable to reopen their account until the scheduled reopening date.

For more tips to game responsibly, ways to recognize signs of problem gaming, and resources for help go to www.michigan.gov/mgcb

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Responsible Gaming Section

Helpline: 888-223-3044

mgcb-dpl@michigan.gov (casino self-exclusion)

mgcb-rgd@michigan.gov (internet self-exclusion)

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THANK YOU!

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