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VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Substance Addiction Recovery Program (SARP) of the Board of Registration in Nursing is actively **seeking volunteer committee members** to serve on the Substance Addiction Recovery Evaluation Committee (SAREC). SAREC members play an important role helping to monitor nurses recovering from a substance use disorder. If you have had **personal experience** overcoming problematic substance use or have **professional experience** working with individuals who have a substance use disorder, we would like for you to apply for a position on one of open SAREC seats.

SARP is a confidential alternative to discipline program for nurses who self-identify as having a problem with drugs or alcohol. SARP was established in 1988 through Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 112, section 80F, with the intention to restore nurses to a state of physical, mental and emotional well-being so they could **return to safe nursing practice**.

The SAREC members are appointed by the Board and are an integral part of the SARP monitoring. The SAREC is composed of:

- Two registered nurses with demonstrated experience in substance use disorder or psychiatric mental health nursing,
- Two licensed practical nurses with demonstrated experience in substance use disorder or psychiatric mental health nursing,
- One registered nurse employed as a nursing service administrator,
- One registered nurse or licensed practical nurse who is recovered from drug or alcohol addiction and has been drug and alcohol free for a minimum of two years, and
- Three public members knowledgeable in substance use disorder or mental health.

SAREC meetings are held **once a month** from approximately 9:30am – 2pm to assess, plan, implement and evaluate nurses participating in SARP. In addition, the SAREC make recommendations to the Board of Nursing for SARP related matters including nurses requesting admission into or discharging from the program.



To learn more about the program, please visit the SARP website at <https://www.mass.gov/substance-abuse-rehabilitation-program-sarp-for-nurses>, or utilize the adjacent QR code.

Please contact the SARP program at **(617)973-0904** if you have questions related to SARP, to learn what SAREC seats are available to serve on, and to learn how to apply for a SAREC seat.