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Economic Impact of Expanded Gaming Examined at Upcoming Educational Forum Hosted by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission *Forum Features Leading Experts in Policy and Academia*

WHO: Members of the *Massachusetts Gaming Commission* including **Chairman Steve Crosby; Commissioner Gayle Cameron; Commissioner James F. McHugh; Commissioner Bruce F. Stebbins and Commissioner Enrique Zuniga; Quinsigamond Community College** President, **Gail Carberry; Center for Policy Analysis, UMass Dartmouth, Clyde Barrow, PhD; Spectrum Gaming Group** Managing Director, **Michael Pollock; CBIZ Tofias** Managing Director, **Carl F. Jenkins; The Innovation Group** President, **Steven Szapor; UMass Amherst Donahue Institute** Director of Economic and Public Policy Research, **Martin Romitti PhD; New Hampshire Center for Public Policy** Executive Director, **Stephen Norton** and *College of Charleston* Associate Professor of Economics, **Doug Walker PhD**

WHAT: As part of an ongoing series to educate the Massachusetts Gaming Commission (MGC) and the community on various matters associated with the introduction of expanded gaming, the public is encouraged to attend the Commission's second educational forum focused on the economic impact of expanded gaming.

This forum will focus on the current gaming market in the Northeast and allow the Commission and the public to understand the economic data and resources needed to effectively and critically review information that will be forthcoming during the casino licensing process. In addition, MGC is seeking feedback on the benchmark research required to assess the economic impact of gaming in the years to come as required by the legislation.

To attend the forum in person, please complete this [registration form](#). The community may also submit questions for the panelists by completing the 'Contact the Commission' form at www.mass.gov/gaming or tweeting your question for @MassGamingComm with hashtag #AskMGC.

Members of the public unable to attend the event are encouraged to watch the forum via live stream at <http://www.mass.gov/gaming/meetings/public-educational-forum-june-14-2012-900-am-.html>

WHERE: Quinsigamond Community College
Hebert Auditorium – Surprenant Building
Worcester, MA

**WHEN: Thursday, June 14, 2012
8:30am -12:00pm**

About MGC

The mission of the Massachusetts Gaming Commission is to create a fair, transparent, and participatory process for implementing the expanded gaming law passed by the Legislature and signed by the Governor in November, 2011. In creating that process, the Commission will strive to ensure that its decision-making and regulatory systems engender the confidence of the public and participants, and that they provide the greatest possible economic development benefits and revenues to the people of the Commonwealth, reduce to the maximum extent possible the potentially negative or unintended consequences of the new legislation, and allow an appropriate return on investment for gaming providers that assures the operation of casino-resorts of the highest quality. . For more information on MGC, please visit www.mass.gov/gaming .