DBSA-Boston Membership And Guest Agreement
Effective 5/11/20

DBSA Boston policies have been established for the protection and well-being of all who participate in our peer support groups and activities, whether in person or online.

The following are not permitted by any member or guest:

- Discrimination against any individual or group based on age, gender, race, creed, the nation of origin, ethnicity, sexual orientation, disability, religion, or any other characteristic protected by the laws of the United States
- Acts of physical, verbal, and/or written aggression towards DBSA Boston or any member or guest in the DBSA Boston Community
- Harassment of any kind: (physical, sexual, or emotional), whether verbal or written form
- Confidential information learned through a DBSA meeting, cannot be shared, in or outside of DBSA Boston. This applies to all support groups, leadership meetings, and committee meetings.
- Refusal to cooperate with members of leadership and group facilitator(s) in following DBSA policies and guidelines
- Use of telephone numbers, home addresses, or email addresses, by making calls at inappropriate times or by contacting anyone who has asked not to be contacted. This includes inappropriate emails, voice mails, and texts
- The use of cell phones or other technology in groups for the purposes of taking notes, texting, accessing the internet, or taking photos. The exception is the use of technology for the purposes of accessing online support groups.
- Carrying and/or use of weapons of any kind, including, but not limited to firearms, knives, and projectiles on McLean properties
- Attendance at DBSA meetings or events while under the influence of alcohol, marijuana, or any illegal substances
- Bringing pets other than service animals to group meetings
- Smoking of all kinds. McLean Hospital is a non-smoking hospital. Smoking of any kind (including vaping) is prohibited on all McLean properties except for the designated area in the Center Building Yard Gazebo at the rear of the Admissions building. McLean Hospital prohibits the smoking of marijuana anywhere on McLean properties, pursuant to state law. Anyone smoking marijuana can be suspended or banned from the organization.

I hereby acknowledge that I have read the DBSA Boston membership and guest agreement and that violations of any of the above may result in actions taken by the Board of Directors, up to and including temporary or permanent suspension from participation in DBSA Boston groups and activities, and revocation of my membership.