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Interagency Commission on Drug Abuse

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF MAINE
AUGUSTA

Executive Order 8-70

Interagency Commission on Drug Abuse

WHEREAS, the misuse of drugs threatens the welfare of our children and our society; and

WHEREAS, the citizens of Maine are greatly concerned about the increasing misuse of drugs in our state; and

WHEREAS, the problems of drug abuse require the coordinated response of private efforts with many different agencies of federal, state and local government; and

WHEREAS, an agency of state government should be established to help coordinate this response and insure the best possible use of state resources:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, KENNETH M. CURTIS, by virtue of the authority invested in me as Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby order and direct that the Interagency Commission on Drug abuse shall be and hereby is created and established and it is further ORDERED AND DIRECTED as follows:

1. Membership - The membership of the Interagency Commission on Drug Abuse shall consist of the following:

The Governor
Commissioner of Health and Welfare
Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections
Commissioner of Education
Chairman of the Employment Security Commission
Chief of the State Police
Attorney-General
State Planning Director
Federal-State Coordinator
Director of the Office of Economic Opportunity
Chairman of the Law Enforcement Planning and Assistance Agency
Chancellor of the University of Maine
Chairman of the Maine State Health Planning Council
Director of the Maine Youth Corps
Representative of the Governor's Youth Task Force



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Each member should appoint an alternate to represent him at any Commission meeting that he cannot attend. The Governor may appoint additional members to the Commission as seems appropriate.

2. Duties - The Commission shall carry out the following duties:

- a. The coordination of all state governmental efforts dealing with the problems of drug abuse.
- b. Helping communities mobilize their educational, medical, and social service resources to deal with drug abuse.
- c. Exploring all possible forms of assistance, both private and governmental, for the financing and development of training and treatment programs for personnel involved in drug abuse control or treatment efforts.
- d. A review of law enforcement activities to insure that the most effective effort possible is being made to stop the sale and distribution of drugs.
- e. Working with comparable agencies of state government in the other New England States, and with New England Regional agencies, in developing a regional approach to the drug problem.
- f. The formulation of a two year plan for combatting drug abuse in Maine. This plan, to be developed with the assistance of the Maine State Health Planning Council, should include the following:
 - (1) Statistics that, so far as possible, indicate the true extent of the drug problem in Maine.
 - (2) An inventory of resources, both preventive and treatment, that are available at the state and local level to deal with drug abuse.
 - (3) Legislative and budgetary recommendations for presentation to the 105th Legislature.
 - (4) A statement of action programs to be initiated and the goals to be achieved.
- g. In carrying out all of the above duties, the Commission shall maintain close liaison with the State Drug Abuse Council in order to insure cooperative and mutually productive efforts.

3. Organization - The Governor shall serve as Chairman of the Commission. The Commission should meet as frequently as is necessary to fulfill the responsibilities outlined.



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The Commission may establish subcommittees for any of the several areas of its work.

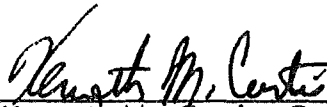
Minutes of all Commission meetings shall be kept.

The Department of Health and Welfare and the Maine State Health Planning Council shall serve as the principal source of professional and clerical staff for the work of the Commission.

4. Compensation of members and utilization of departmental resources -
The members of the Commission shall receive no additional compensation for their services, and necessary expenditures incurred in the performance of their duties shall be borne by their respective departments or agencies.

The Commission is authorized to request any state department or agency, whether or not represented on the Commission, to provide such facilities, personnel, financial assistance and data as will help the Commission fulfill its responsibilities. All agencies of state government are directed to cooperate fully with the Commission in carrying out its duties.

This order shall become effective immediately.


Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor