

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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OFFICE OF  
THE GOVERNOR

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Planning and Advisory Council for Developmental Disabilities Services and  
Facilities Construction

WHEREAS, it is vital to the well-being of Maine citizens to have a wide range of diversified services provided to the developmentally disabled; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive planning of needed developmental disabilities services and facilities must be accomplished in order to provide for more effective and efficient use of existing human and fiscal resources at all levels; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 91-517, The Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction Act, makes a formula grant available to the State of Maine to provide services to the developmentally disabled, mentally retarded, cerebral palsied, epileptic, and neurologically handicapped; and

WHEREAS, the formula grant is to be used for the development of a comprehensive plan for the delivery of services and the construction of facilities under the purview of a Planning and Advisory Council;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, create the Planning and Advisory Council for Developmental Disabilities Services and Facilities Construction.

PURPOSES OF THE COUNCIL:

1. To develop and implement a comprehensive and continuing plan for developmental disabilities services and facilities.
2. To plan and to approve the plans for the construction of facilities involving federal or state funds which serve the developmentally disabled.
3. To develop and promote new or improved techniques of delivering services to the developmentally disabled.
4. To assist in the integration of services and resources of all state, regional, and local agencies assisting the developmentally disabled in order to fill in the gaps in existing services and to expand the reach of existing services among new groups of individuals.

MEMBERSHIP:

The Planning and Advisory Council shall include representatives from the principal state agencies and from local agencies and non-governmental organizations and groups concerned with services for the developmentally disabled and representatives of consumers of services.

Governmental members appointed by the Governor shall serve at his direction for an indeterminate period of time. Consumer members and non-governmental appointees shall serve for a period of two years. They shall be eligible for reappointment.

The governmental membership shall consist of the following:

Department of Health and Welfare

Commissioner  
Director, Bureau of Health  
Director, Bureau of Rehabilitation  
Director, Bureau of Social Welfare

Department of Mental Health & Corrections

Commissioner  
Director, Bureau of Mental Retardation  
Director, Bureau of Mental Health

Department of Education

Commissioner  
Director, Division of Exceptional Children

Maine Employment Security Commission

Chairman

Department of Labor and Industry

Commissioner

Park and Recreation Commission

Director

Executive Department

Director, Office of Economic Opportunity  
Model Cities Coordinator

The non-governmental membership, initially 16 memberships, shall consist of the following:

There will be six memberships for non-governmental organizations or agencies which provide services to developmentally disabled persons.

Consumers and consumer representatives shall consist of one-third of the Planning and Advisory Council membership (10 members out of a total of 30). Two shall represent each of the classifications of mental retardation, cerebral palsy, and epilepsy, and one membership shall represent a minority group. The remaining three memberships shall represent private citizen interests in the service needs of the developmentally disabled.

Each member may appoint an alternate to represent him at any Council meeting that he cannot attend. The Governor may appoint additional members to the Council as deemed appropriate to carry out the intent and purposes of the Federal Act.

DUTIES:

- a. To advise the Governor and provide information to the Legislature concerning the effectiveness of programs serving the developmentally disabled.
- b. To assist in the coordination of all state governmental efforts dealing with the problems of the developmentally disabled.
- c. To assist Maine communities to mobilize their resources in meeting the needs of the developmentally disabled.
- d. To review on-going governmental programs serving the developmentally disabled, such as:

vocational rehabilitation  
public assistance  
social services  
crippled children's services  
education for the handicapped  
medical assistance  
maternal and child health  
comprehensive health planning  
mental health

- e. To participate in the annual review and the approval of a comprehensive plan detailing needed services and facilities required to provide services for the developmentally disabled. This will include participation in the development of new or innovative programs to fill gaps in existing services.

ORGANIZATION:

- a. The Bureau of Mental Retardation, Department of Mental Health and Corrections, is designated as the State Agency responsible for administration of the state plan for the developmentally disabled. The Director, Bureau of Mental Retardation, shall serve as the Executive Secretary of the Planning and Advisory Council.
- b. The Health Facilities Planning and Construction Service, Department of Health and Welfare, is designated as the sole State Agency responsible for Construction matters.

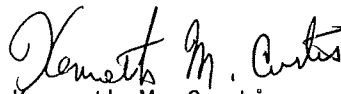
- c. A Chairman of the Planning and Advisory Council shall be selected annually by the members of the Council.
- d. In accordance with Federal Regulations, the Planning Director for Developmental Disabilities Services, Bureau of Mental Retardation, shall serve as the principal staff support member for the Planning and Advisory Council. That individual shall serve that body in a non-voting capacity.
- e. Minutes of all Planning and Advisory Council meetings will be maintained and copies will be provided to the Governor.
- f. The Planning and Advisory Council shall meet as frequently as is necessary to fulfill the responsibilities outlined.

POWERS AND PROCEDURES:

The Planning and Advisory Council will have the necessary authority to carry out the purpose of the Order and to hold public meetings as are necessary. State departments and their employees are directed to cooperate fully in carrying out the purpose of this Council.

COMPENSATION:

The governmental members of the Planning and Advisory Council shall receive no additional compensation for their services, and necessary expenditures incurred in the performance of their duties shall be borne by the respective Departments or Agencies. Consumers, consumer representatives, and non-governmental organization member's ordinary travel expenses and lodgings incident to necessary travel will be borne by the Department of Mental Health and Corrections, through the mechanisms of the Federal Developmental Disabilities Act.

  
Kenneth M. Curtis  
Governor

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