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State Advisory Council on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism

WHEREAS, it is vital to the well-being of Maine citizens to have a wide range of diversified services and facilities provided to alcohol abusers and alcoholics; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive planning of needed alcoholism 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 91-616, The Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970, makes a formula grant available to the State of Maine to provide assistance for state and local alcoholism programs; and

WHEREAS, this formula grant is to be used for the implementation of a comprehensive plan for the delivery of alcoholism services under the purview of an Advisory Council;

Now, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, create The Advisory Council on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.

PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL

To advise the official alcoholism agency in developing, implementing and evaluating the State Plan; to combat alcohol abuse and alcoholism; and to review grant applications as they relate to the provisions of the Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970.

MEMBERSHIP

The Advisory Council shall include representatives of non-governmental organizations or groups, and of public agencies and individuals concerned with the prevention and treatment of alcohol abuse and alcoholism, to assure a comprehensive broad based approach to the social, economic and medical problems of alcohol abuse and alcoholism.

This is a continuing Council consisting of 35 members, who will serve one, two and three year term appointments by the Governor, with the Chairman to be designated by the Governor. Additional members can be appointed if needed. A member is eligible for one reappointment.

DUTIES

- A. To advise the Governor and to provide information to the Legislature concerning the effectiveness of programs serving alcohol abusers and alcoholics.
- B. To assist in the coordination of all State government efforts dealing with the problems of alcohol abuse and alcoholism.
- C. To assist Maine communities to mobilize their resources to combat alcoholism.
- D. To review on-going governmental programs serving alcoholics, such as:
 - Vocational Rehabilitation
 - Public Assistance
 - Social Services
 - Medical Assistance
 - Mental Health
 - Comprehensive Health Planning
- E. To participate in an on-going review of the State Plan, including the implementation of new and innovative programs to fill gaps in existing services.

ORGANIZATION


- A. The Division of Alcoholism Services, Bureau of Rehabilitation, Department of Health and Welfare, is designated as the State Agency responsible for the administration of the State Plan for alcohol abusers and alcoholics. The Director, Division of Alcoholism Services, shall serve as the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council.
- B. Minutes of all Advisory Council meetings will be maintained, and copies will be provided to the Governor.
- C. The Advisory Council shall meet as frequently as is necessary to fulfill the responsibilities outlined.
- D. Insofar as possible the Comprehensive State Plan for alcohol abuse and alcoholism should conform to the planning regions as set forth in Executive Order No. 6 of January 26, 1972.

POWERS AND PROCEDURES

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

COMPENSATION

For their services, members of the Council shall be compensated for meals, lodging and travel incurred in the performance of their duties. This expense will be borne by the Division of Alcoholism Services through the mechanisms set up for that purpose by The Comprehensive Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism Prevention, Treatment and Rehabilitation Act of 1970.


Kenneth M. Curtis
Governor