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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

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AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH MANPOWER DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, quality mental health services are a right of every Maine resident in need; and

WHEREAS, approximately eighty to eighty-five per cent of the total operating costs of the mental health service systems are manpower costs; and

WHEREAS, educational programs and training activities should be more responsive to mental health service delivery requirements; and

WHEREAS, mental health services are labor intensive and every service issue is a manpower issue; and

WHEREAS, mental health services supported by taxpayer dollars must be as cost effective and responsive as possible; and

WHEREAS, public law 78-410 as amended provides financial assistance to the State to address the diverse mental health manpower issues such as recruitment, retention, distribution, career development, licensure and personnel regulations:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor of the State of Maine hereby establish the Governor's Commission on Mental Health Manpower Development commencing this date for a five-year period and lasting to March 30, 1984.

The objectives of the Commission over the next five years will be to:

analyze data which will identify trends, needs and problems in mental health manpower;

identify the priorities among problems in mental health manpower;

recommend comprehensive manpower policies to be implemented by the mental health system, including public and private institutions, agencies and all others involved in providing mental health services;

provide liason with state and federal manpower activities and with various agencies, associations and universities in the implementation of cooperative action on recommended policies.

The Commission is empowered to:

form subcommittees for purposes of studying particular areas, and may seek advice and technical assistance from other sources in such matters;

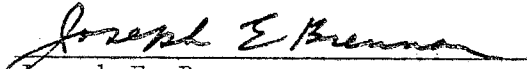
receive such support as necessary by the Department of Mental Health and Corrections and other state agencies as appropriate.

State departments and their employees are directed to cooperate fully in carrying out the purposes of this Commission.

The Commission shall be made up as follows:

the Commission shall consist of up to twenty-five members appointed by the Governor for two-year terms.

the Commissioner of Mental Health and Corrections shall be the Chairman of the Commission.


Joseph E. Brennan
Governor