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Executive Order

OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 5FY 79/80
DATE October 2, 1979

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH

WHEREAS, there is not a strong, coordinated system of maternal and child health services throughout the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, through sound public policy which promotes prevention and early intervention of disease and other health problems, there is great potential for improving the health of Maine's citizens, and, as a result of prevention and intervention, for saving their tax dollars; and

WHEREAS, State Government should consider carefully coordinated approaches which have been developed by groups at the local level for improving the delivery of maternal and child health services; and

WHEREAS, there is a special and widespread concern about the problems of adolescent pregnancy in Maine:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor of the State of Maine, establish the Governor's Task Force on Maternal and Child Health to examine and make recommendations regarding approaches for improving the quality, availability and coordination of maternal and child health services in Maine.

MEMBERSHIP

There shall be twenty-five voting members on the full Task Force. Eighteen of these members shall be state legislators, private sector providers and other members of the public appointed by the Governor. Seven of these members shall be state employees invited to participate by the Commissioner of Human Services.

The Governor may invite other interested Maine citizens to serve as non-voting members on the subcommittees of the full Task Force.

The Commissioner may invite other appropriate state and federal officials to participate on the Task Force or any of its subcommittees as non-voting members.

RESPONSIBILITIES

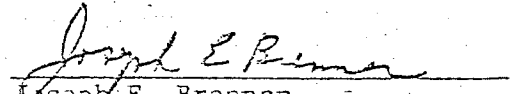
The responsibilities of the Task Force shall be:

1. to complete a comprehensive review of the statutes, regulations, policies and financing involved in MCH programs and services;

2. to determine what additional information is required to identify more accurately the health problems and needs for health care of Maine's mothers and children;
3. to assess Maine's resources and capabilities for addressing maternal and child health problems;
4. to set priorities for the development and improved coordination of maternal and child health services;
5. to make recommendations to the Governor for improving MCH programs and services including a plan for action by the 110th Maine State Legislature;
6. to take into account information gathered during public hearings in the development of the recommendations; and
7. to build public awareness of the problems and issues involved in the area of maternal and child health.

ADMINISTRATION

1. The Department of Human Services shall provide clerical and staff support services for the Task Force, making use of any federal funds which become available for this purpose.
2. The Department of Human Services shall reimburse members of the Task Force for actual and reasonable mileage, lodging and meal expense directly related to the activities of the Task Force.
3. The Final Report and recommendations shall be submitted by the Task Force on or before Labor Day, 1980.
4. This Executive Order shall terminate with the submission of the Final Report and recommendations.


Joseph E. Brennan
Governor