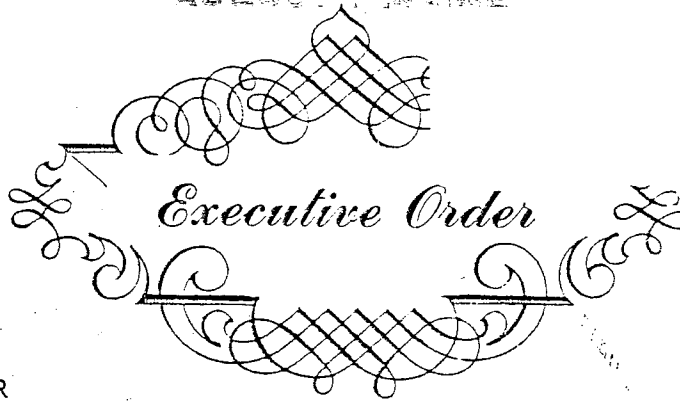


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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 11FY 79/80
DATE February 4, 1980

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON LONG TERM CARE FOR ADULTS

WHEREAS, over 10,000 elderly persons and hundreds of developmentally disabled, mentally ill and other adults reside in nursing and boarding homes in the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, the persons who are 75 years of age or older represent the most rapidly growing segment of Maine's population, and 75 percent of the residents in nursing homes are 75 or older; and

WHEREAS, A U.S. Senate Subcommittee on Long Term Care has concluded that 30 percent of the low income elderly persons would not be there if other services had been available at the time those persons entered the nursing homes; and

WHEREAS, payments made to nursing homes under the State Medicaid Program increased by 182 percent from \$18.7 million in 1974 to \$52.7 million in 1978; and

WHEREAS, there are diverse and diverging planning efforts relating to long term care for Maine citizens, which need to be coordinated:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor of the State of Maine, establish a Governor's Task Force on Long Term Care for Adults to examine the needs of dependent and semi-dependent adults in the State and to make recommendations for improving the services provided to meet these needs.

Membership

There shall be 32 voting members on the full Task force. Twenty-three of these members shall be state legislators, private sector providers and other members of the general public appointed by the Governor. Nine 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 nonvoting members on 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 nonvoting members.

Responsibilities

The responsibilities of the Task Force shall be:

1. to identify and examine the plans developed by various public and private agencies and groups to meet the long term needs of dependent and semi-dependent adults;
2. to determine which aspects of the various plans do the most to enable these adults to make as many decisions as possible about their own lives and to reside in the least restrictive, yet safe, settings available;
3. to complete a comprehensive review of statutes, regulations, policies and financing which direct and affect the provision of services to meet the long term needs of these adults, with an emphasis on improving the coordination of the administration of long term care services by various State agencies;
4. to make recommendations to the Governor for more fully meeting the long term needs of Maine's dependent and semi-dependent adults, including a plan for administrative action and a plan for action by the 110th Maine State Legislature;
5. to hold public hearings during the development of these recommendations; and
6. to build public awareness of the problems and issues involved in the particular substantive area to be examined.

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 expenses 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