

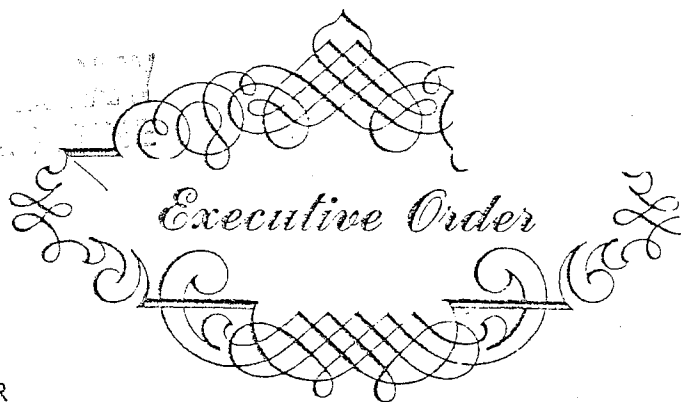
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NO. 13FY 79/80  
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AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
ON ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION

WHEREAS, economic costs of alcohol and drug abuse in Maine exceed \$100,000,000 annually; and

WHEREAS, the social costs of alcohol and drug abuse include 50% of all highway fatalities, 62% of child abuse cases, 20% of hospital admissions, 40% of divorces, and 60% of criminal justice convictions; and

WHEREAS, alcohol and drug abuse treatment serves people after personal, economic, and social costs are incurred; and

WHEREAS, the problems of alcohol and drug abuse impact on families, children, friends, and employers, creating disruption and damage to family life; and

WHEREAS, there presently is a lack of comprehensive up-to-date understanding for professional and lay people as to the pervasiveness of substance abuse in Maine; and

WHEREAS, prevention and early intervention offers hope of reducing social and economic costs of alcohol and drug abuse, of increasing the likelihood of successful treatment, and of increasing knowledge and awareness as to the problems related to alcohol and drug abuse affecting abuser and concerned persons;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOSEPH E. BRENNAN, Governor of the State of Maine, establish the Governor's Citizen Advisory Committee on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention to establish a comprehensive plan for alcohol and drug abuse prevention in Maine; to develop a systematic approach touching upon all aspects of the Maine community; to address information, education, early intervention, training, and community development as they relate to alcohol and drug abuse prevention.

MEMBERSHIP

There shall be twenty-five voting members on the full Committee made up of state legislators, judges, private sector providers, and other members of the public appointed by the Governor.

The Commissioner, Department of Human Services, may invite other interested Maine citizens to serve as non-voting members of the Committee.

## RESPONSIBILITIES

The responsibilities of the Committee shall be:

1. to produce a plan for alcohol and drug abuse prevention based upon the literature, activities in other states, existing activity in Maine, and professional and public consultation;
2. to focus special attention on all populations at risk, avoiding limiting attention to a single group such as youth;
3. to conduct public hearings in order to incorporate public feelings, attitudes, and guidance into the plan;
4. to make recommendations to the Governor for establishing and implementing alcohol and drug abuse activities, including an administrative plan, and a plan for action by the 110th Maine State Legislature;
5. to build public awareness of alcohol and drug abuse prevention needs and what can be done to meet those needs;
6. to help sponsor a prevention conference on alcohol and drug abuse in the Fall of 1980.

## ADMINISTRATION

1. The Department of Human Services shall provide for clerical and staff support services for the Committee.
2. The Department of Human Services shall reimburse members of the Committee for reasonable mileage, lodging, and meal expenses directly related to Committee activities.
3. The final plan and recommendations shall be submitted to the Governor by the Committee by August 1980.
4. This Executive Order shall terminate June 30, 1981.

  
JOSEPH E. BRENNAN  
Governor