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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 4FY 94/95

DATE December 9, 1994

AN ORDER ESTABLISHING THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE ON PINELAND CENTER
REUSE

WHEREAS, the population of the Pineland Center has been reduced from its peak of 1500 to its current census of about 143; and

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned reductions have resulted in significant unused capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Pineland Center is expected to be closed by June 1996; and

WHEREAS, management of the facilities at the Pineland Center are the responsibility of the State of Maine; and

WHEREAS, the closing of Pineland Center as a residential mental health facility has important economic, health and safety implications for the host community;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John R. McKernan, Jr., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish the Governor's Task Force on the Disposition of Facilities at Pineland Center.

Membership

The members shall include:

- the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation or the Commissioner's designee;
- the Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development or the Commissioner's designee;
- the Director of the Bureau of General Services in the Department of Administrative and Financial Services;

- the Director of the State Planning Office or the Director's designee;
- Susan Percy of the Economic and Industry Use Committee in the Town of New Gloucester;
- Robert Leighton of the Board of Selectmen in the Town of New Gloucester;
- Ann Thaxter of the Board of Selectmen in the Town of New Gloucester; and
- Lawrence Zuckerman of the Economic and Industry Use Committee in the Town of New Gloucester, who will serve as its Chair.

Functions and Duties

1. Conduct an assessment of the value of assets at the Pineland Center and examine potential re-use alternatives.
2. Present a report to the Governor and Legislature by May 1, 1995, that:
 - a) describes desired alternative uses of the facilities at the Pineland Center
 - b) recommends a strategy for the disposition of the facilities at the Pineland Center that will:
 - achieve re-use activities that are consistent with the needs and desires of both the State and the local community; and
 - ensure the safe and cost-effective management of Pineland facilities during the period between closure and full re-use and beyond; and
 - provides estimates of the costs of recommended strategies.

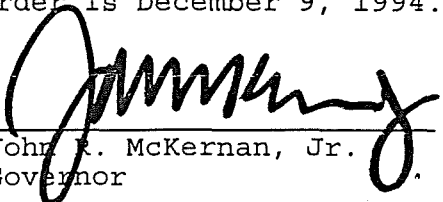
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Administration

The Task Force may receive technical assistance and support from member agencies as required and from other entities through contracts or grants administered by the Bureau of General Services.

Effective Date

The effective date of this Executive Order is December 9, 1994.



John R. McKernan, Jr.
Governor