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**AN ORDER CREATING THE MAINE VETERANS' HOME "VETERANS CAMPUS"
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

WHEREAS, the Maine Veterans' Homes currently operates a 120 bed nursing facility and a 30-bed residential care facility for veterans on a 15 acre parcel of land on the grounds of the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center (formerly the Bangor Mental Health Institute), which land was donated to the Maine Veterans' Homes by the State of Maine in 1994; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Veterans' Homes now wishes to construct, in cooperation with the United States Department of Veterans Affairs and the Veterans Housing Coalition of Maine, a Veterans Community- Based Outpatient Clinic, a Veterans Hospice, and a Veterans Housing complex, on land adjacent to the existing Maine Veterans' Homes nursing facility at Bangor, Maine; and

WHEREAS, the Maine Veterans' Homes currently occupies nearly all of its existing 15 acre parcel on the grounds of the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center, and may require additional land to construct the new buildings and appurtenances contemplated for the above-described project;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John E. Baldacci, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby order the creation of the Maine Veterans' Home "Veterans Campus" Planning Committee ("Committee").

Purpose

The Committee is charged with developing legislation, with input from all interested parties, allowing for the creation of a Veterans' Campus adjacent to the current Maine Veterans' Home in Bangor, Maine, with consideration of the long-term impacts to current and future public use. A report containing the Committee's legislative proposal shall be submitted to the Governor no later than November 30, 2007.

Membership

1. The Committee shall consist of eleven members, who are appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of the Governor, one of whom shall be appointed to serve as chair.

2. The Committee shall include:

- A. A representative of the Governor's Office
- B. The Chief Executive Officer of the Maine Veterans' Home
- C. The Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services or her designee
- D. The Director of the Bureau of General Services
- E. The Superintendent of the Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center
- F. The Commissioner of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management or his designee
- G. A designee of the United States Department of Veterans Affairs, Togus Facility
- H. A representative of the City of Bangor
- I. A representative of John Bapst Memorial High School
- J. A representative of Saxl Park
- K. A representative of the Veterans Housing Coalition of Maine


3. The Committee may call on a representative from other state agencies or other organizations not represented on the Committee, to provide limited information or to participate fully in the Committee when, in the Committee's discretion, that person has responsibilities or expertise in a particular area that would be helpful to the work of the Committee.

Procedures

The Committee shall meet at times and places called by the chair. The Committee may accept staffing, financial and other administrative or program support from outside sources as it deems appropriate to its duties. The members of the Committee shall serve without compensation.

Effective Date

The effective date of this Executive Order is May 16, 2007.


John E. Baldacci, Governor