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**Maine Substance Use Disorder Services Commission (SUDSC)
2022 Annual Report to the Legislature**

**Joint Committee on Health and Human Services
Joint Committee on Finance and Fiscal Affairs**

**Location: Via Zoom
Scheduled Time: 2nd Wednesday of the month 9am – 12noon
Length of Meetings: 3 hours
No Associated Costs**

**Submitted by
Bruce A. Campbell, LCSW, LADC
Chair, SUDSC**

Public Law Chapter 432, An Act to Amend the Laws Governing the Substance Use Disorders Services Commission and approved by the Governor on June 20, 2019. It states that the purpose of the commission is to serve as advocate; review and evaluate; inform the public. The commission shall serve as an advocate and resource for the State on substance use disorder intervention, prevention, treatment and recovery. The commission shall promote and assess activities designed to meet and remediate challenges of substance use disorder in the State. With the support of the department, the commission shall review and evaluate on a continuing basis state and federal policies and programs relating to substance use disorder. In cooperation with the department, the commission shall keep the public informed by collecting and disseminating information, by conducting or commissioning studies and publishing the results of those studies, by issuing publications and reports and by providing public forums, including conferences and workshops. The commission, based on its activities pursuant to this subsection, shall make recommendations relating to substance use disorder to the department and the Governor.

During FY 2021-22, the primary achievement for the Commission was simply to have itself officially seated and appointed by the Governor, President of the Senate, and Speaker of the House of Representatives. The first official meeting of the Commission did not occur until July 2022. The delays in final appointment resulted from the backlog caused by Covid 19, but in the interim, the Acting Commission gathered monthly reports from the Office of Behavioral Health, Center for Disease Prevention, and from the Director of Opioid Response.

In May, pending final appointment, the Commission determined to replicate the "Report Card on OBH" that was done in 2010. Since 2010, the landscape and profile of substance use disorders has dramatically changed and continues to change. When the organizing statute for the Commission was signed June 20, 2019, the acting Commission had been reorganized into the four pillars of prevention, intervention/harm reduction, treatment, and recovery. This is consistent with other State substance use-related initiatives such as the Governor's Opioid Strategic Plan. It should be noted that when this Report Card was last done in 2010, two of those pillars, Intervention/Harm Reduction, and Recovery, did not exist. Furthermore, these

pillars give the false impression of silos, when in fact the boundaries between these pillars are loose and permeable, often interdependent upon each other,

The Report Card process itself has involved developing benchmarks within the four pillars related to the original Report Card's four evaluation criteria: Leadership, Structure and Sustainability; Resources; Legislative Activities; and Measurement and Accountability.

The Commission dedicated portions of its monthly agenda to serve as Work Sessions for the Report Card Project. By the end of the calendar year, the Commission had developed draft outcomes to serve as benchmarks for evaluation. Committees led by the Commission members will spend the first quarter of 2023 engaging members of OBH and other stakeholders to ensure wider diversity and inclusion in developing the final benchmarks for evaluation. In March, the Commission will consolidate the entire Report Card for evaluation during April. In May, the results of the Report Card should be available. It will be the first official product of the Commission since it was appointed.

The goal will be to use the Report Card and its recommendations in our 2023 Annual Report to the Governor, Health and Humans Services Committee, the Commissioner of DHHS and the Director of OBH.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bruce A. Campbell, LCSW, LADC
Chair, Substance Use Disorders Services Commission

**Substance Use Disorder Services Commission
Annual Report for Meetings in 2022
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Date of Meeting	Location	Attendance (Members)	Guests	Presenter(s)	Presentation(s) Work Sessions (Members)
January 12, 2022	Via Zoom	13	4	Bruce Campbell, Chair, SUDSC	Review & Discussions on the Annual Report to the Legislative HHS and Appropriations Committees
February 9, 2022	Via Zoom	8	10	Gordon Smith, Dir. State Opioid Response Megan Scott, SU Prevention Program Manager, CDC	Opioid Overdose Review Panel Presentation Maine CDC Substance Use Prevention Program Update – PowerPoint Presentation
March 9, 2022	Via Zoom	8	4	Rebecca Taylor, Dep. Dir. of OBH, Research & Evaluation	Maine Prescription Monitoring Program Annual Report for 2021.
April 13, 2022	Via Zoom	8	12	Scott Gagnon Assoc. Exec. Dir. AdCare	Updates on the Impact of the Legalization of Marijuana – Cannabis in Maine: Policy and Public Health
May 11, 2022	Via Zoom	10	10	Eric Miller Marci Sorg, UMO	Economic Impact Study – The Cost of Alcohol and Drug Disorder in Maine, 2020 (Preliminary)
June 8, 2022	Via Zoom	11	5	Bruce Campbell, Chair, SUDSC	Report Card Work Session – Framework
July 13, 2022	Via Zoom	6	6	Bruce Campbell, Chair, SUDSC	Report Card Work Session – Discussion of Revised Framework and Draft Templates

August 10, 2022	Via Zoom	12	5	Bruce Campbell, Chair, SUDSC	Report Card Work Session – Continued Review and Feedback Discussions of the Template Drafts
September 14, 2022	Via Zoom	11	5	Bruce Campbell, Chair, SUDSC	Report Card Work Session – Review and Feedback Discussions of the Prevention and Recovery Templates
October 12, 2022	Via Zoom	10	6	Kaley Boucher, Div. of MaineCare, BHH & OHH Coordinator	Presentation on updates to Behavioral Health Homes (BHH) and Opioid Health Homes (OHH) policies. Report Card Work Session – Review and Feedback Discussions on Intervention and Treatment Templates
November 9, 2022	Via Zoom	9	5	Bruce Campbell, Chair, SUDSC	Report Card Work Session – Continued discussions on preliminary work and changes to the format of the Report Card. Proposed structure of Sub-Committees and timelines for this project.
December 14, 2022	Via Zoom	8	3	Bruce Campbell, Chair, SUDS Commission	Report Card Work Session – Continued discussions on the process and coordination of the four Sub-Committees and additional dates and times associated with these sub-committee meetings.