

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CHARLESTON
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8-04

By the Governor

WHEREAS, substance abuse and dependence among our citizenry has created a monumental crisis in today's society; and

WHEREAS, the United States Congress has declared that substance abuse is essentially a local problem which should be dealt with by state and local governments in order to be effectively controlled; and

WHEREAS, the efforts to defeat the social dilemma of substance abuse can be assisted by coordinating the efforts of public and private agencies and increasing the number and extent of prevention and intervention services; and

WHEREAS, Congress has declared its intent to assist state and local communities in strengthening substance abuse prevention systems by coordinating and planning with interrelated systems and services; encouraging the development of trained, informed, professional workforces for the field; implementing evidence-based prevention and intervention programming; and supporting comprehensive and coordinated planning, information, research, and evaluation services; and

WHEREAS, such federal assistance will be made available in the form of grants to those states that establish and maintain a substance abuse prevention and intervention planning body created or designated by the chief executive of the state and subject to his or her jurisdiction.

NOW THEREFORE I, BOB WISE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as the Governor of West Virginia, do hereby ORDER that:

1. The West Virginia Partnership to Promote Community Well-Being ["Partnership"] is hereby created.

2. The Partnership shall be appointed by the Governor and composed of not less than twenty-four members who shall serve at the will and pleasure of the Governor. The Governor, at his discretion, may appoint additional members to the Partnership.

3. Serving as members of the Partnership shall be:
- (a) Two representatives of the Division of Criminal Justice Services, Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety.
 - (b) One representative of the Division of Juvenile Services, Department of Military Affairs and Public Safety.
 - (c) One representative of the Office of Epidemiology and Health Promotion, Department of Health and Human Resources.
 - (d) One representative of the Office of Behavioral Health Sciences, Department of Health and Human Resources.
 - (e) One representative of the Office of Maternal, Child, and Family Health, Department of Health and Human Resources.
 - (f) One representative of the Division of Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Resources.
 - (g) The Director of Probation Services, State Supreme Court of Appeals.
 - (h) Two representatives of the law enforcement and/or corrections community.

- (i) One representative of the Office of Student Services and Health Promotion, Department of Education.
 - (j) One representative of the Library Commission, Department of Education and the Arts.
 - (k) One representative of the Alcohol Beverage Control Commission, Department of Tax and Revenue.
 - (l) One representative of the Commission for National and Community Service, Office of the Governor.
 - (m) One representative currently a student at a State university.
 - (n) One representative currently a student at a State high school.
 - (o) One representative of the West Virginia University Extension Service.
 - (p) Four representatives of public or private non-profit organizations.
 - (q) At least three members representing the community-at-large.
4. A chairperson shall be selected by the members of the Partnership.
5. The Partnership shall hold its first meeting within thirty days of the date of this Order.
6. The Partnership shall:
- (a) Establish its own by-laws;
 - (b) Develop a comprehensive statewide plan for the improvement of the substance abuse prevention system;
 - (c) Coordinate planning with other interrelated systems;
 - (d) Establish priorities for the improvement of the substance abuse prevention system;
 - (e) Identify and leverage funding to fill needs and gaps in prevention and intervention services; and

- (f) Inquire into additional grants from any federal agency or other sources.
7. The Partnership shall perform such other acts as are necessary and proper to carry out the aforementioned purposes.
8. The Partnership shall receive staff support from the West Virginia Prevention Resource Center.
9. The Partnership shall report its progress to the Governor and both Houses of the Legislature prior to the first day of December of each year.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol, in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this the twentieth day of April, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Four, and in the One Hundred Forty-First year of the State.

GOVERNOR

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SECRETARY OF STATE