

STATE OF MAINE

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S.P. 221 - L.D. 503

An Act Regarding the Substance Use Disorder Services Commission

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §20065, sub-§1, as amended by PL 2019, c. 432, §1, is further amended to read:

1. Members; ~~appointment~~. The Substance Use Disorder Services Commission, as established by section 12004-G, subsection 13-C, consists of ~~18~~ 19 members.

Sec. 2. 5 MRSA §20065, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2019, c. 432, §1, is further amended to read:

2. Qualifications. To be qualified to serve, members must have education, training, experience, knowledge, expertise and interest in substance use disorder in the areas of intervention, harm reduction, prevention, treatment and recovery. Members must reflect experiential diversity from across the State and must have demonstrated active participation in issues related to substance use disorder.

Sec. 3. 5 MRSA §20065, sub-§3, ¶C, as amended by PL 2019, c. 432, §1, is further amended to read:

C. One ~~public school administrator~~ representative from the field of education who has experience with school-based substance use disorder intervention, prevention and education programs, appointed by the Governor;

Sec. 4. 5 MRSA §20065, sub-§3, ¶D, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. LL, §12, is repealed.

Sec. 5. 5 MRSA §20065, sub-§3, ¶H, as amended by PL 2019, c. 432, §1, is further amended to read:

H. One substance use disorder intervention practitioner, one substance use disorder harm reduction practitioner, one substance use disorder prevention practitioner, one substance use disorder treatment practitioner and one substance use disorder recovery practitioner, appointed by the Governor;

Sec. 6. 5 MRSA §20065, sub-§3, ¶J, as amended by PL 2019, c. 432, §1, is further amended to read:

J. ~~Three~~ Four members of the public with experience in substance use disorder, appointed by the Governor. In appointing these ~~3~~ 4 members, the Governor shall select members who are actively involved in the areas of:

- (6) Co-occurring disorder services;
- (7) Employment; ~~and~~
- (8) Substance use disorder recovery; and
- (9) Representation of federally recognized Indian nations, tribes or bands.

Sec. 7. 5 MRSA §20065, sub-§4, ¶A, as amended by PL 2019, c. 432, §1, is further amended to read:

A. The terms of the ~~3~~ 4 public members appointed under subsection 3, paragraph J are for terms of 3 years, except that a member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term serves only for the remainder of that term. Members hold office until the appointment and confirmation of their successors. A public member may not be appointed for more than 2 consecutive, 3-year terms.

Sec. 8. 5 MRSA §20065, sub-§6, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. LL, §12, is amended to read:

6. Officers; bylaws. The Governor shall designate one member to chair the commission. The commission may elect other officers from its members as it considers appropriate. The commission shall adopt bylaws for the operations of the commission.

Sec. 9. 5 MRSA §20065, sub-§7, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. LL, §12, is amended to read:

7. Subcommittees. The commission may appoint from its membership subcommittees relating to particular problem areas or other matters, provided that as long as the commission functions as an integrated committee as set forth in the bylaws.

Sec. 10. 5 MRSA §20066, as enacted by PL 1993, c. 410, Pt. LL, §12, is amended to read:

§20066. Meetings; compensation; quorum

1. Calling meetings. The commission shall meet at the call of the chair or at the call of at least 1/4 of the members appointed and currently holding office.

2. Frequency of meetings. The commission shall meet at least ~~12~~ 6 times a year and at least once ~~a every other~~ month.

3. Minutes. The commission shall keep minutes of all full commission meetings, including a list of people in attendance. The commission shall ~~immediately send post~~ copies of the approved minutes to the Governor and the leadership of the Legislature, who shall provide for their appropriate distribution and retention in a place of safekeeping a publicly accessible website.

4. Compensation. Members of the commission are entitled to compensation under chapter 379.

5. Quorum; council action. A majority of the commission members constitutes a quorum for the purpose of conducting the business and exercising all the powers of the

commission. A vote of a majority of the members present is sufficient for all actions of the commission.

Sec. 11. 5 MRSA §20067, sub-§2, as amended by PL 2017, c. 407, Pt. A, §44, is further amended to read:

2. Advise, consult and assist. The commission shall advise, consult and assist the Governor, the executive and legislative branches of State Government and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court with activities of State Government related to substance use disorder prevention, intervention, harm reduction, treatment and recovery.

Sec. 12. 5 MRSA §20067, sub-§3, as amended by PL 2019, c. 432, §2, is further amended to read:

3. 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, harm reduction, 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 and the Legislature.

Sec. 13. 5 MRSA §20067, sub-§4, as amended by PL 2019, c. 432, §2, is further amended to read:

4. Report to the Legislature. The commission shall report annually to the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over health and human services matters and the joint standing committee of the Legislature having jurisdiction over appropriations and financial affairs on or before the last business day of each year. The report must include developments and needs related to substance use disorder intervention, harm reduction, prevention, treatment and recovery in the State.