

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
NUMBER Sixty-seven

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: GOVERNOR'S DRUG ABUSE COORDINATING COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the citizens of Delaware are deeply concerned about the impact the rise in drug and alcohol abuse has had on our society and have shown strong interest in a redoubling of the State's efforts to counteract this menace; and

WHEREAS, it is essential to reach out to our citizens, young and old alike, and advise them of the devastating impact that drug and alcohol abuse has upon personal growth, maturation and productivity, as well as the stability and productivity of our state; and

WHEREAS, it is also essential that Delaware's treatment programs provide a viable hope of recovery for those afflicted by drug and alcohol abuse; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to re-evaluate Delaware's existing prevention efforts and treatment programs in order to maximize coordination and effectiveness and to develop a more complete understanding of any gaps in our current service delivery system; and

WHEREAS, law enforcement efforts need to be reviewed and enhanced in order to maintain Delaware's strong deterrent to drug and alcohol related crimes; and

WHEREAS, existing federal law encourages each state to establish a drug and alcohol abuse policy board to serve as a forum for communication and a structure for coordination; and

WHEREAS, Executive Order #38, issued on February 20, 1986, established the Anti-Drug Abuse Steering Committee as a means of coordinating the impact of the federal Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1986; and

WHEREAS, the Anti-Drug Abuse Steering Committee was instrumental in coordinating state activity in response to the funding opportunities contained in the 1986 Act and in developing the state's initial anti-drug strategy; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan recently signed into law the Omnibus Drug Act of 1988, which dramatically alters the involvement of the federal government in drug abuse prevention, treatment and enforcement efforts; and

WHEREAS, the importance and complexity of the task at hand is such that an integrated multi-disciplinary approach is required; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Governor Dale E. Wolf has a deep personal and special interest in helping to fight the scourge of drug and alcohol abuse; and

WHEREAS, as Lt. Governor, Dale E. Wolf is in a unique position to provide the leadership necessary to coordinate Delaware's planning for effective prevention, treatment and enforcement strategies.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL N. CASTLE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor, do hereby declare and order as follows:

1. The Governor's Drug Abuse Coordinating Council is hereby established. The voting membership of the Council shall be comprised of the following individuals or their designees: the Lt. Governor, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Social Services, the Secretary of the Department of Services for Children, Youth and Their Families, the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety, the Commissioner of the Department of Correction, the President of the State Board of Education, the Chairman of the Criminal Justice Council, the Special Assistant to the Governor for Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention Programs, the Director of the Office of the Budget, and the Director of the Office of Planning and Coordination. The Lt. Governor shall serve as Chairman of the Council.

2. The Council shall conduct a review of current state and community-based drug and alcohol abuse programs and law enforcement efforts and shall make recommendations to the Governor concerning improving and/or reorganizing Delaware's programs. The Council shall also develop a comprehensive and coordinated statewide substance abuse strategy. It shall pay special attention to reviewing funds passed through by the State Board of Education to each school district and develop a plan that will require each district to participate in the statewide strategy. Further, the Council shall review the ongoing plans for the statewide "Above The Influence" community-based prevention program and make recommendations on its implementation.

3. The Council shall review all federal grant proposals prepared by state agencies related to drug abuse prevention and treatment prior to approval by the Delaware State Clearinghouse and shall advise the Clearinghouse and the agencies involved on issues related to coordination and consistency with the statewide strategy.

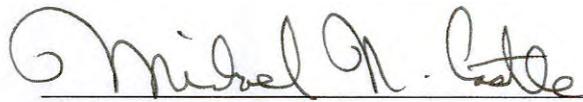
4. The Director of the Office of Planning and Coordination shall establish a working group to fully identify possible sources of federal funding made available to the state under the Omnibus Drug Act of 1988 and shall report to the Council.

persons designated by the administering agencies shall be invited to participate in all Council meetings and subcommittee meetings, as appropriate and shall be provided with all Council materials.

8. Initially, and in consultation with the administering agencies, the Council shall establish a timetable for the development and implementation of the statewide substance abuse strategy.

9. Executive Order #38, issued on February 20, 1986 is hereby rescinded.

APPROVED this 19<sup>th</sup> day  
of January, 1989.

  
Governor

ATTEST:

  
Secretary of State

