

State of Delaware Office of the Governor

Ruth Ann Minner Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 11

WHEREAS, the Violence Against Women Act Implementation Committee was created in February, 1995 by Executive Order for the purpose of ensuring the appropriate use of federal funds received under the Violence Against Women Act; and

WHEREAS, the Committee's procedures were changed in December, 1999; and WHEREAS, the Committee has proven to be an effective means of administering federal Violence Against Women Act funds,

I, Ruth Ann Minner, Governor of the State of Delaware, hereby ORDER on this First Day of February, 2001:

 Delaware shall continue to have a Violence Against Women Act Implementation Committee.

2. The Committee is charged with the following responsibilities:

a. Identifying needs and gaps in services for female victims of crime
based on public input and input solicited from the Domestic
Violence Coordinating Council and the Victim Advisory
Committee of the Criminal Justice Council.

b. Soliciting input from interested individuals, state and federal agencies, and private organizations, including non-profit, non-

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governmental victim services programs, about needs and gaps in Delaware services for female victims of violent crime.

- c. Preparing a comprehensive Plan to obtain and use federal funds available under the Violence Against Women Act and for compliance with the legislation and related regulations.
- d. Holding training sessions for individuals and groups interested in submitting funding applications, designed to assist potential applicants with the funding selection process.
- e. Soliciting and reviewing concept papers submitted by grant applicants.
- f. Consistent with the Plan, making recommendations on Violence Against Women Act grant recipients to the Criminal Justice Council and the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council. If either the Criminal Justice Council or the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council approve the recommendations by a majority vote, the recommendations shall be forwarded to the Governor for her consideration. If neither the Criminal Justice Council nor the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council approve the Committee's recommendations, they shall be returned to the Committee for modification.
- 3. The Committee shall be comprised of five individuals, who shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

- The Committee shall be staffed by staff from the Domestic Violence Coordinating Council and the Criminal Justice Council, as the Committee finds necessary.
- 5. Federal grants obtained by Delaware as a result of the Violence Against Women Act shall be allocated by the Criminal Justice Council in accordance with the recommendations made pursuant to paragraph 2 of this Order. The Criminal Justice Council shall administer and monitor such grants and shall provide the Committee with regular reports regarding their status.
- Executive Orders No. 29 (1995), 56 (1998), 69 (1999), and 70 (1999) issued by Governor Thomas R. Carper are repealed.

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Attest:

Ha Harriet N. Smith Windsor

Secretary of State

