

the Center's representation of handicapped children whose parents or relatives fail to provide proper care and attention. The Department of Human Resources also funds the Center to represent disabled adults who are at risk of being placed in an institution.

Since 1984, the Center has received financial support from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to represent residents in State mental health facilities. The Department also funds the Center to protect mentally retarded persons from abuse and neglect and to represent disabled adults who are denied Social Security benefits. In addition, the Center receives funds from the State Department of Education to represent disabled persons who are dissatisfied with vocational rehabilitation services.

A nonprofit private corporation, the Center is governed by a fourteen-member Board of Directors. The Governor appoints the Board's members to three-year terms.

GOVERNOR'S DRUG & ALCOHOL ABUSE COMMISSION

Chairperson: Melvin A. Steinberg, Lieutenant Governor

Vice-Chairperson: Bishop L. Robinson, Secretary of Public Safety & Correctional Services

Appointed by Governor: Elizabeth M. Hewlett; G. C. Edward Masood; LaVerne L. McWhite; Mary Ann Saar; Leonard R. Sachs.

Appointed by Senate President: Decatur W. Trotter; one vacancy.

Appointed by House Speaker: Ethel Murray; D. Bruce Poole.

Ex officio: J. Joseph Curran, Jr., Attorney General; Nelson J. Sabatini, Secretary of Health & Mental Hygiene; Carolyn W. Colvin, Secretary of Human Resources; Nancy S. Grasmick, Secretary of Juvenile Services; Torrey C. Brown, M.D., Secretary of Natural Resources; Hilda E. Ford, Secretary of Personnel; Bishop L. Robinson, Secretary of Public Safety & Correctional Services; O. James Lighthizer, Secretary of Transportation; Shaila R. Aery, Secretary of Higher Education; Joseph L. Shilling, State Superintendent of Schools; Nancy S. Grasmick, Acting Special Secretary for Children, Youth, & Families.

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The Governor created the Governor's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission in February 1989

within the Executive Office of the Governor (Executive Order 01.01.1989.04). In August 1990, the Governor reorganized the Commission and designated the Lieutenant Governor as Chairperson (Executive Order 01.01.1990.12).

The Commission, in October 1989, submitted to the Governor a comprehensive and integrated plan for reducing illegal drug-related activities and drug and alcohol abuse in Maryland. Annually, the Commission updates the plan for the Governor, the General Assembly, and the public. The plan provides for a central information center on drug and alcohol abuse where data is collected, stored, analyzed, and distributed to federal, State and local government agencies. The plan also indicates how best to formulate policy to prevent and control illegal drug activities and drug and alcohol abuse.

On a continuing basis, the Commission consults with representatives of local governments and the private sector to assure that State, local and private resources are effectively used in preparation of the comprehensive plan. Regional and county core groups help coordinate efforts. Each group consists of the local superintendent of schools, local health officer, and local chief of police or sheriff.

The Commission compiles an inventory of available drug and alcohol abuse services, both public and private, and annually reports to the Governor on the status of efforts to reduce illegal drug-related activities and drug and alcohol abuse in Maryland. The Commission also consults with the Maryland Juvenile Justice Advisory Council; Governor's Advisory Board for Justice Assistance; Drug and Alcohol Abuse Prevention and Education Program Advisory Council of the State Department of Education; Governor's Executive Advisory Council; State Advisory Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse; Governor's Prescription Drug Commission; Governor's Office of Justice Assistance; and the Governor's Youth Drug and Alcohol Abuse Commission. The Commission is required to consider implementing drug and alcohol prevention initiatives suggested by the Youth Commission and solicit Youth Commission advice on prevention programs.

The Commission is comprised of twenty-two members. Thirteen serve *ex officio*. Five public members are appointed by the Governor. Two members of the State Senate are appointed by the Senate President and two House of Delegates members are appointed by the House Speaker. The Lieutenant Governor serves as chairperson and the Governor designates the vice-chairperson. The Governor also appoints the Executive Director, who is assisted by at least one member of each department and agency whose head serves on the Commission.