

(12) One representative from the Maryland Association of Social Service Directors;

(13) One former addict;

(14) One police officer;

(15) One representative of the Department of Corrections;

(16) One representative of the Department of Juvenile Justice;

(17) One representative of the Office for Children, Youth, and Families;

(18) One representative of hospitals in the State;

(19) One operator from a substance abuse program; and

(20) One experienced addictions counselor.

(c) The Governor shall appoint the Chairperson of the Task Force.

(d) The Task Force shall develop a comprehensive strategy for increasing the funding and the availability of substance abuse programs in the State by:

(1) Examining the scope of the problem of substance abuse in the State, and the number of substance abuse programs that exist to address the problem;

(2) Collecting data to determine the correlation between substance abuse and the commission of crimes;

(3) Determining the extent to which the substance abuse programs are accessible to those addicted to drugs and alcohol who seek treatment;

(4) Determining the amount of funding currently available for substance abuse programs;

(5) Taking any other action necessary and proper to carry out the purpose of this section;

(6) Examining the availability of substance abuse programs designed for women, pregnant women, and women with children, as well as the outcomes of these programs in relation to the length of stay;

(7) Examining the health insurance coverage available in the State for substance abuse treatment;

(8) Making recommendations to increase the availability of substance abuse programs, both short-term and long-term;

(9) Examining the reasons for public opposition to substance abuse programs; and

(10) Making recommendations to decrease public opposition to substance abuse programs to ensure that substance abuse programs are accessible throughout the State to those addicted to drugs who seek treatment.