

(2) *the promotion, development, establishment, coordination and conduct of unified programs for education, prevention, diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation and control in the field of drug abuse in cooperation with other federal, state, local and private agencies.*

(3) *the evaluation of existing and planned programs and facilities administered by the Authority.*

4. Drug Abuse Authority.

(a) *There is hereby created in the Department of Mental Hygiene the Drug Abuse Authority. The Authority shall consist of three members who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Hygiene, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate. The term of office of each such member shall be for four years; provided that the members first appointed shall serve for terms of two, three, and four years, respectively, from January first next succeeding their appointment, and provided, further, that any member appointed to fill a vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of term shall be appointed for the remainder of the unexpired term of the member whom he is to succeed. An appointee shall be eligible for reappointment.*

(b) *The members of the Authority shall devote their whole time and capacity to their duties as such members. They shall receive an annual salary to be fixed by the Governor within the amount made available therefor by appropriation, and shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses in the performance of their duties hereunder.*

(c) *The Governor may remove any member of the Authority for cause after an opportunity to be heard. A statement of the cause of his removal shall be filed by the Governor in the office of the Secretary of State.*

(d) *The Governor shall designate a member of the Authority as ~~the~~ Director to serve as such during the pleasure of the Governor. The ~~the~~ Director shall direct the work of the Authority and shall be the chief executive officer of the Authority.*

(e) *The Authority shall submit an annual report to the Department of Mental Hygiene which shall be forwarded to the Governor and the Legislature and shall be made public. It shall also submit such additional reports as may be requested by the Department, the Governor, or the Legislature.*

5. Powers and Duties of the Authority.

Any exercise of its powers and duties by the Authority shall be made subject to the approval of the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Hygiene.

The Authority shall:

(a) *Survey and analyze the State's needs and with the advice of the Advisory Council on Drug Abuse authorized pursuant to this Article, formulate a comprehensive plan for the long-range development, through the utilization of federal, state, local and private resources, of adequate services and facilities for the prevention and control of drug abuse and the diagnosis, treatment and rehabilitation of drug abusers and from time to time revise such plan.*