

State of North Carolina

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GOVERNOR

May 13, 2014

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 52

**ESTABLISHMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA GOVERNOR'S SUBSTANCE ABUSE
AND UNDERAGE DRINKING
PREVENTION AND TREATMENT TASK FORCE**

WHEREAS, alcohol and other substance abuse at an early age are critical risk factors for lifelong physical and mental health problems and the development of healthy behaviors at an early age promotes lifelong wellness; and

WHEREAS, substance abuse is a major public health problem that costs the citizens of North Carolina billions in medical care, work time lost, law enforcement and criminal justice response and pain and suffering; and

WHEREAS, underage drinkers consume nearly 10% of all alcohol sold in North Carolina and binge and underage drinking are the third leading preventable cause of death in the United States among youth; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina has a responsibility to raise awareness and reduce the prevalence of substance abuse and to increase treatment and recovery services for individuals battling substance abuse; and

WHEREAS, the State of North Carolina is working to mobilize efforts with community partners and individuals statewide to implement strategies designed to reduce instances of substance abuse including underage drinking, binge drinking, illegal drug use, abuse of prescription drugs and to increase treatment and recovery services; and

WHEREAS, the ABC Commission is committed to developing and implementing programs to address alcohol and substance abuse among underage persons; and

WHEREAS, the University of North Carolina System is committed to developing collegiate wellness programs to address substance abuse issues among collegians;

NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me as Governor by the Constitution and the laws of the State of North Carolina. **IT IS ORDERED:**

Section 1. Establishment.

The North Carolina Governor's Substance Abuse and Underage Drinking Prevention and Treatment Task Force is hereby established (hereinafter the "Task Force").

Section 2. Task Force.

The Task Force shall consist of twenty (20) members, each appointed for a term of two years. All members shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Governor's appointees shall include:

- i. The Chair of the ABC Commission who shall also serve as co-chair;
- ii. The Secretary of The Department of Public Safety who shall also serve as co-chair;
- iii. A representative from UNC General Administration;
- iv. A representative from the North Carolina Independent Colleges and Universities;
- v. A representative from the NC Community Colleges System Office;
- vi. A member of the NC State Board of Education;
- vii. A representative from one of the UNC system campuses;
- viii. A representative from a private, nonprofit college or university in North Carolina;
- ix. A representative from NC DHHS;
- x. A representative from the Office of the Governor;
- xi. A representative from ALE;
- xii. A representative from a local law enforcement agency;
- xiii. A representative from an alcohol or substance abuse treatment organization;
- xiv. A representative from an alcohol treatment organization with an emphasis on youth treatment;
- xv. A representative from the NC Department of Transportation, Division of Motor Vehicles;
- xvi. A representative from the wholesale alcohol industry;
- xvii. A representative from the Administrative Office of the Courts;
- xviii. An individual in recovery;
- xix. Two current students, at least one of whom is under age 21.

Members shall serve without compensation.

Section 3. Meetings.

- (a) The Task Force shall meet quarterly and as often as called by the Chair to carry out the Task Force's purpose. The Chair shall set the times and locations of all meetings.
- (b) For the purpose of conducting business, a quorum of the Task Force shall consist of seven members.

Section 4. Purpose.

- (a) The Task Force shall receive, no later than August 1, 2015:
 1. A comprehensive report from the ABC Commission regarding its efforts to combat underage drinking and substance abuse, including a detailed report of the use of State appropriations and ABC Commission funds to facilitate its effort;
 2. A comprehensive report from the six pilot campuses on the use of appropriated funds and the effectiveness of their prevention efforts; and
 3. A comprehensive report from the Center for Safer Schools regarding its efforts to combat underage drinking and substance abuse.

(b) The Task Force shall prepare and submit to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 1, 2015 a comprehensive plan for effectively addressing (1) the underage sale and use of alcohol and drugs, (2) risky behaviors and substance abuse among collegians, (3) and the provision of treatment and recovery services for individuals struggling with substance abuse. The Task Force shall review and consider the reports outlined in Section (a) above in the development of the report to submit to the Governor and General Assembly no later than October 1, 2015.

(c) The Task Force shall, in preparation of the comprehensive plan, adapt existing national efforts for application to North Carolina and/or create new awareness program elements designed to combat substance abuse in North Carolina. The Initiative's recommendation shall be actionable, measurable, and able to be replicated in local communities and/or public and private colleges.

- (d) The Task Force may convene workgroups to aid the Task Force in its mission.

Section 5. Staffing.

The ABC Commission shall provide administrative and staff support to the Task Force. The Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse shall provide additional support as necessary and as determined by the Co-Chairs.

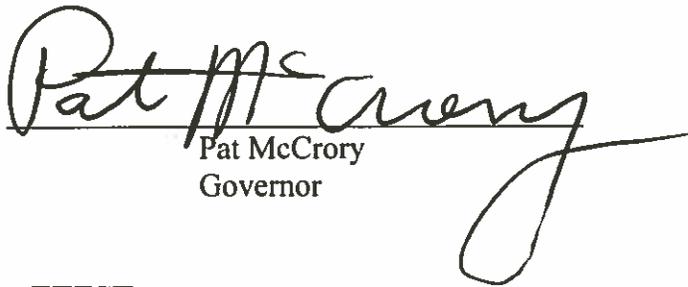
Section 6. Cooperation of State Agencies.

All cabinet agencies and boards, commissions, councils and offices, now existing and hereafter established, which are administratively housed in the cabinet agencies or the Office of the Governor, shall cooperate with the Task Force in the development of the plan and recommendations to the Governor for actions that are deemed necessary under Section 4 of this Order. The Board of Governors of the University of North Carolina System, the State Board of Community Colleges, local boards of education, and the Council of State agencies are encouraged and invited to participate in this Executive Order.

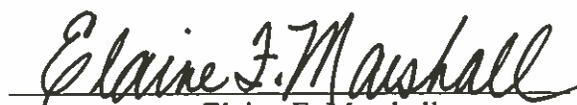
Section 7. Effect and Duration.

This Executive Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until December 31, 2015, pursuant to N.C. Gen. Stat. § 147-16.2, or until earlier rescinded.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in the City of Raleigh, this thirteenth day of May in the year of our Lord two thousand and fourteen, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-eight.


Pat McCrory
Governor

ATTEST:


Elaine F. Marshall
Secretary of State

