



## State of New Jersey

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### RESOLUTION

#### Establishing an Advisory Panel to the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse

December 20, 2011

WHEREAS, the Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (Council) is statutorily authorized and empowered to review and coordinate all State departments' efforts in regard to the planning and provision of treatment, prevention, research, evaluation, and education services for, and public awareness of, alcoholism and drug abuse; and,

WHEREAS, the Council is also statutorily authorized and empowered to evaluate the existing funding mechanisms for alcoholism and drug abuse services and recommend to the Governor and the Legislature any changes which may improve the coordination of services to citizens in this State as well as to collect from any State, county, local governmental entity or any other appropriate source data, reports, statistics or other materials which are necessary to carry out the Council's functions; and,

WHEREAS, the Christie Administration recognizes untreated substance abuse and mental illness has a significant human and fiscal impact on individuals, families, and government; and,

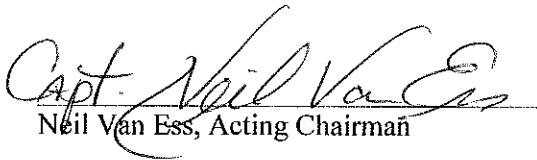
WHEREAS, Governor Christie has charged the Council with creating and sustaining substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery policies as part of its advisory role to him, and through its independent planning / inter-departmental policy coordination capacity; and,

WHEREAS, Governor Christie has also charged the Council with creating a "Blueprint for a Drug-Free New Jersey – 2020" which addresses how the State's future substance abuse prevention, treatment and recovery services will be delivered and outlines a plan to address New Jersey's heroin and other opiate use epidemic amongst its youth;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council, by virtue of its statutory and regulatory authority, does ORDER and DIRECT:

1. There is hereby established a Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Advisory Panel, hereinafter referred to as the "Panel" so that the Council can more effectively meet its duties and responsibilities.
2. The Chairman of the Council shall select Panel members who possess unique knowledge, skills, experience and expertise related to alcoholism, drug abuse, and associated concerns. The Chairman of the Council shall also select a Panel Chairman who shall lead the Panel, ensure its duties are being performed and periodically report to the Chairman of the Council on the Panel's activities.

3. The Panel is charged with identifying research, material and other information that is in the public domain and relevant to the issues the Council is concerned with; provide input on best practice models as well as effective and efficient addiction service systems; and, provide other relevant advice to assist the Council in fulfilling its mission.
4. The Panel shall work collaboratively with the Council and its staff. The Panel Chairman may call within reason on the Council to provide such information, resources or other assistance deemed necessary to discharge the Panel's responsibilities under this Resolution. The Panel shall not, however, have the authority to bind the Council to any specified action or actions.
5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately.

  
Neil Van Ess, Acting Chairman

  
Date