



Mayor of Providence

Jorge O. Elorza

**EXECUTIVE ORDER**

**2020-17**

**SEPTEMBER 25, 2020**

**ESTABLISHING THE MAYOR'S COALITION ON BEHAVIORAL HEALTH**

WHEREAS, there are many individual, family, and community challenges related to behavioral health issues in Providence; and

WHEREAS, these challenges were recognized in the City of Providence through the creation of the Providence Substance Abuse Prevention Council in 1987 as a function of the Rhode Island Substance Abuse Prevention Act; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Council on Drug & Alcohol Abuse was established as a successor to the Providence Substance Abuse Prevention Council in Executive Order No. 1991-06, issued August 29, 1991; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Council on Drug & Alcohol Abuse was abolished in Executive Order No. 2002-02, issued October 29, 2002, in order to facilitate a reorganization; and

WHEREAS, the Providence Drug and Alcohol Abuse Network was established as a successor to the Mayor's Council on Drug & Alcohol Abuse in Executive order No. 2002-03, issued October, 29, 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Providence Drug and Alcohol Abuse Network was abolished in Executive Order No. 2003-04, issued July 17, 2003, in order to facilitate a reorganization; and

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WHEREUPON IT IS ORDERED THAT  
THE SAME BE RECEIVED.

*Karen Selbach* CLERK

WHEREAS, the Mayor's Substance Abuse Prevention Council was established as a successor to the Providence Drug and Alcohol Abuse Network in Executive Order No. 2003-05, issued July 17, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the focus on the Council has shifted to the promotion, facilitation, and advocacy of policies and practices related to behavioral health, not just substance use, so that a reframing and reconstitution of the body is required;

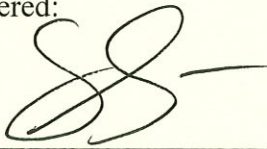
NOW, THEREFORE, do I, Jorge O. Elorza, Mayor of the City of Providence, order the following, effective immediately:

1. That the Mayor's Coalition on Behavioral Health is hereby established, led by the Healthy Communities Office Director who shall be appointed by the Mayor and serve at their pleasure; and
2. That the Mayor's Coalition on Behavioral Health shall assume all duties and responsibilities formerly within the purview of the Mayor's Substance Abuse Prevention Council, which has been abolished; and
3. That the Healthy Communities Office is hereby designated as the lead agency for the City of Providence and shall receive all available state and federal funds, and those of charitable trusts and foundations with regard to behavioral health. The Healthy Communities Office shall coordinate its behavioral health activities with the Mayor's Coalition on Behavioral Health, all relevant federal, state, and city departments and agencies and additionally with private sector organizations, which address the same social issues; and
4. The Mayor's Coalition on Behavioral Health shall refocus its efforts on practices and policies relating to preventing, assessing, and addressing the City's needs pertaining to behavioral health; and
5. The Mayor's Coalition on Behavioral Health will have diverse sector representation in alignment with the Community Anti-Drug Coalitions of America recommendations; and
6. The Mayor's Coalition on Behavioral Health will convene a minimum of ten (10) times per year; and
7. The Healthy Communities Office Director shall provide a report of the Mayor's Mayor's Coalition on Behavioral Health initiatives, accomplishments, and activities to the Mayor

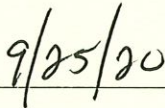
on an annual basis in the month of June each year the Mayor's Coalition on Behavioral Health remains in existence; and

8. All officers and employees of the City shall provide the Mayor's Coalition on Behavioral Health with the fullest cooperation; and

So Ordered:

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Jorge O. Elorza, *Mayor*

A handwritten date '9/25/20' in black ink, written above a horizontal line.

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Date