

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 138

Establishing a National Task Force on Drugs and Alcohol Control

WHEREAS, there is a need to address the increasing use of drugs and alcohol and their related problems; and

WHEREAS, there has been a recommendation from concerned organizations and individuals to establish a task force to plan, implement and coordinate efforts toward the reduction and eventual elimination of illegal drugs and moderate and acceptable use of alcohol; and

WHEREAS, in view of the eminent danger and cost related to illegal drugs and alcohol abuse, it is important to establish such a task force;

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of authority vested in me as President, pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the Republic of Palau, it is hereby ordered that a National Task Force on Drugs and Alcohol Control is established, for a term of one year beginning at the effective date of this Executive Order, to plan, implement, and coordinate efforts to eliminate the illegal use of drugs and reduce to acceptable level the use of alcohol. The membership and the duties and responsibilities of the Task Force on Drugs and Alcohol Control are as follows:

A. Membership

Mr Lawrence Abraham (Chairman)(Omult Rehab Program)
Ms Benita Decherong (Vice Chairwoman) (ASAP)
Ms Elizabeth Oseked (Secretary)(Juvenile Justice)
Mr Darius Ellis (PNYC)
Ms Goree Ramarui (Customs)
Mr Ismael Anastacio (CTAS/Land Grant)
Ms Pia Morei (ABTPCB)
Mr John Tellei (PCAA)
Ms Basilia Ringang (Ekei Club)
Ms Roberta Louch (Ekei Club)
Ms Elsie Tellei (Catholic Mission)
Mr John Elechuus (AG's Office)
Ms Deborah Rebluud (Education)
Mr Edwin Chiokai (Agriculture)
Ms Clara N. Rechebei (Supreme Court)
Ms Virginia Nakamura (Bureau of Community Services)
Mr Jonathan Isechal (OEK House of Delegates)
Mr Feliciano Watanabe (OEK Senate)
Mr Theodore D. Subris (Public Safety)
Ms Presley Etibek (PCC)
Mr Mark Rubasch (Immigration)

Mr Quincy Kuniyoshi (Ministry of Health)

B. Duties and Responsibilities

1. To oversee that a coordinated effort is made by all appropriate agencies and organizations to raise the general public's awareness concerning the laws and problems related to alcohol and drug use, making good use of the media, the community, the state structure and traditional leaders.
2. To work to ensure that all efforts be made to address the needs of Palau's youth population for prevention, intervention, and treatment programs in the hopes of greatly reducing the numbers among them who will be drug and alcohol dependent.
3. To support the development of a number of youth programs so that Palau's youth will have many drug free and alcohol free alternatives during their socialization.
4. To help propose revisions of drug and alcohol related laws and policies and to make them clear, enforceable and culturally relevant; and to lobby for their swift enactment.
5. To work as an organized body to reduce the per capita importation and consumption of alcohol in Palau.
6. To mobilize a multi-agency, multi-level, across Palau effort to see that those laws that have been enacted are strictly enforced where it concerns alcohol and drug abuse.
7. To oversee the development and implementation of a comprehensive, coordinated one-year plan multi-agency~ multi-level, across Palau to address the local problems associated with alcohol and drug use, abuse and sales, as follows:
 - a. Phase One: Each organization and agency will do a mini-plan with their respective organization or agency following an agreed format by the Task Force.
 - b. Phase Two: Each mini-plan is presented, reviewed and critiqued by the entire Task Force. Suggestions are made for each regarding improvement, possible collaboration, feasibility, etc.
 - c. Phase Three: Once all the mini-plans have been reviewed, they will be put on a Master Calendar and then the scheduled activities as a whole will be evaluated to see which major objectives remain to be addressed by the Task Force. Each major objective which remains to be addressed will be assigned to small committees of Task Force members to brainstorm and

develop. When these other mini-plans are complete, they too will go through Task Force review.

- d. Phase Four: The agency and organization mini-plans with the committee developed mini-plans will then be merged together into one Master Plan. The Monitoring scheme by the Task Force will be decided upon.
 - e. Phase Five: Entire plan goes through approval process.
 - f. Phase Six: Entire plan goes through public discussion and education. At the same time, fiscal resources are identified and secured.
8. To organize and maintain a collaborative, multi-agency effort to keep relevant drug and alcohol related data and where appropriate, the data should be used periodically for planning, evaluation and public education purposes.
 9. To act as a resource referral on drug and alcohol control, fiscal, information and people resources that are available locally, regionally and internationally to help the local situation.
 10. To lend assistance to local organization and agencies in their attempts to work to improve the local situation where it concerns alcohol and drugs.
 11. To work to secure funds and new means to support needed drug and alcohol related programs.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunder set my hand and affixed my official seal this 6th day of February, 1995, in the State of Koror, Republic of Palau.

Kuniwo Nakamura
President of the Republic of Palau