

(1) EXAMINING THE SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM IN MARYLAND, AND EXISTING LEGAL MECHANISMS FOR ADDRESSING IT;

(2) EXAMINING THE EFFORTS OF OTHER STATES, THE AFFECTED PROFESSIONS, AND CLIENT-ORIENTED GROUPS TO STUDY AND ADDRESS THE PROBLEM;

(3) IN CONSULTATION WITH EDUCATORS IN THE HEALTH PROFESSIONS, DEVELOPING EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES TO INCLUDE BOTH PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION;

(4) IN CONSULTATION WITH CLIENT-ORIENTED GROUPS, DEVELOPING INITIATIVES FOR EFFECTIVE PUBLIC EDUCATION;

(5) EVALUATING AND RECOMMENDING, AS APPROPRIATE, LEGISLATION, REGULATIONS, AND GUIDELINES TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM;

(6) RECOMMENDING GUIDELINES FOR COUNSELING AND TREATING CLIENTS WHO HAVE BEEN VICTIMIZED, HEALTH PROFESSIONALS WHO MAY BE AT RISK, AND OFFENDERS; AND

(7) DEVELOPING OTHER APPROPRIATE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTORS TO ADDRESS PROBLEMS AND CONSEQUENCES ASSOCIATED WITH HEALTH PROFESSIONAL-CLIENT SEXUAL EXPLOITATION.

(D) THE GOVERNOR SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE TASK FORCE.

(E) MEMBERS OF THE TASK FORCE SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION.

(F) THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, IN COOPERATION WITH OTHER APPROPRIATE STATE AND LOCAL UNITS, SHALL PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE TASK FORCE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE WITHIN EXISTING BUDGETED RESOURCES.

(G) THE TASK FORCE SHALL ISSUE A FINAL REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND STRATEGY TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1312 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 1995.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 1993.

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