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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 004 - 2007

AN ORDER CREATING THE TERRITORIAL STRATEGIC PREVENTION FRAMEWORK (SPF) ADVISORY COMMISSION, AND PROVIDING FOR ITS MEMBERSHIP, FUNCTIONS AND OBJECTIVES.

Section 1. Authority

This Executive Order is issued under the authority granted to the Governor in Article IV, Sections 6 and 7 of the Revised Constitution of American Samoa, and the American Samoa Code Annotated, Section 4.0302.

Section 2. Preamble

WHEREAS, alcohol abuse is a major problem in American Samoa which spawns many other social problems such as domestic violence, vehicle related fatalities, child abuse, and many others; and

WHEREAS, it is a fact that education alone is not enough to effectively combat alcohol abuse, that it should be combined with an active participation by all sectors of the community doing their part in eliminating this social ill; and

WHEREAS, the Government of American Samoa joins the national movement against alcohol abuse in order to make our communities safer and more secure for our children and the rest of us; and

WHEREAS, an advisory body, comprised of decision makers from key Government agencies, church leaders, members of the community and members of the

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media is necessary to study and carefully examine this social ill, and to offer their recommendation as to possible solutions to the Governor for implementation.

Section 3. Order

There is created, by Order of the Governor, the Territorial Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) Advisory Commission (hereinafter "the Commission") which is charged with identifying what American Samoa's priority problems are with regard to alcohol and/or substance abuse; formulating solutions to these problems; and advising the Governor concerning the implementation of these solutions, which may or may not involve changing public policy.

Section 4. Membership

- a. The chairman of the Commission shall be the Governor, or his designee.
- b. The following are *ex officio* members selected from certain agencies of the American Samoa Government. These members shall not appoint nor assign designees. They shall remain members so long as they hold their respective positions:
 - i. Director, Department of Human and Social Services;
 - ii. Director, Department of Education;
 - iii. Director, Department of Health;
 - iv. Commissioner, Department of Public Safety;
 - v. President, American Samoa Community College;
 - vi. Deputy Secretary, Office of Samoan Affairs;
 - vii. Director, American Samoa Department of Homeland Security; and
 - viii. Chief Executive Officer, LBJ Medical Center.
- c. The Governor shall appoint fourteen (14) additional members based on the following qualifications:
 - i. One member shall be involved with juvenile justice;
 - ii. One member shall be from the US DHHS SAMHSA (federal);
 - iii. One member shall be appointed from the Legislature;
 - iv. One member shall be involved with public sports and recreation;
 - v. One member shall be from the community at large;

- vi. One member shall be an established philanthropist;
 - vii. Six members shall be faith-based appointments from the community; and
 - viii. Two members shall represent the local media.
- d. The Governor shall appoint six (6) additional members based on the following qualifications, and upon a recommendation by the Director of the Department of Human and Social Services:
- i. One member shall be a parent representative from the District of Manu'a;
 - ii. One member shall be a parent representative from the Eastern District;
 - iii. One member shall be a parent representative from the Western District;
 - iv. One member shall be a youth representative from the District of Manu'a;
 - v. One member shall be a youth representative from the Eastern District; and
 - vi. One member shall be a youth representative from the Western District.

Members appointed under subsections (c) and (d) shall serve on the Commission for terms of two years each, or earlier replaced by the Governor. There is no limit as to the number of terms a member may serve on the Commission.

Section 5. Functions

The following are the tasks and responsibilities of the Commission:

- a. Deciding, based on epidemiological data provided by the Territorial Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (TEOW), what American Samoa's priority problem will be with regard to alcohol and/or substance abuse.
- b. The Commission shall be guided through the prevention framework whereby a Territorial Strategic Plan will be designed to meet the community's needs; based and driven by epidemiological data and submitted to the federal government for approval.
- c. Over the first five years of the Commission, it shall decide which prevention strategies can and will be supported by existing funding

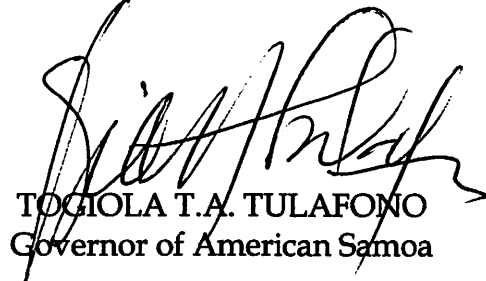
received by each agency for alcohol and/or other drug prevention, intervention and treatment.

- d. Advise the Governor and the SPF SIG Fa'aSamoa Project on programs and solutions.
- e. Carry out other tasks and responsibilities reasonably related to those stated in subsections (a) to (d), as may be assigned by the Governor from time to time.

Section 4. Effective Date

This Order shall take effect immediately.

Dated: February 17, 2007.



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