

**THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR**

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
STATE OF IDAHO  
BOISE**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2019-09**

**COMBATING THE OPIOID AND SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER CRISIS**

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*WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump has declared the opioid crisis a nationwide Public Health Emergency; and*

*WHEREAS, drug overdose is now the leading cause of accidental death in the United States; and*

*WHEREAS, opioids, including prescription pain relievers, heroin, and synthetic opioids such as fentanyl remain a driving force of drug-induced death in Idaho; and*

*WHEREAS, one in twelve Idaho students have misused prescription pain relievers in their lifetime; and*

*WHEREAS, Idaho ranked 16th in the nation in 2017 for the total number of opioid prescriptions dispensed per 100 persons, at a rate of 70.3/100, down from 77.6/100 in 2016, compared to 58.7/100 nationally; and*

*WHEREAS, Idaho has improved from 5th to 25th in the United States for past year prescription pain reliever misuse; and*

*WHEREAS, opioid misuse and untreated use disorders cause devastating health, social, and economic consequences; and*

*WHEREAS, Idaho has made great strides in combating the opioid crisis, particularly in use of the prescription drug monitoring program (PMP). Idaho providers have increased the number of PMP searches ten-fold from 353,000 searches in FY15 to 3.8 million in FY18; and*

*WHEREAS, through efforts within the Opioid Misuse and Overdose Strategic Plan the state has made progress to combat substance abuse, but we still have more work we must do;*

*NOW, THEREFORE, I, Brad Little, Governor of the State of Idaho, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Constitution and the laws of the State of Idaho, do hereby order the creation of the Opioid and Substance Use Disorder Advisory Group.*

- 1. The Opioid Advisory Group shall evaluate state, community workgroup, and task force efforts recently performed in Idaho and provide recommendations on streamlining prevention and recovery activities, providing efficiency in battling opioid and substance abuse, and eliminating duplicative efforts to more efficiently and effectively fight this epidemic.*
- 2. The duties of the Opioid Advisory Group are advisory, and the Group is tasked with making recommendations to the Governor that will help him and the state build more effective plans to combat opioid and other substance use and abuse in Idaho.*
- 3. Members of the Opioid Advisory Group shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor.*
- 4. The Opioid Advisory Group shall be chaired by the Administrator of the Office of Drug Policy.*
- 5. Members of the Opioid Advisory Group will include but are not limited to:*

- a. *A representative of the Department of Health and Welfare*
- b. *A representative of the Idaho Board of Medicine*
- c. *A representative of the Idaho Board of Dentistry*
- d. *A representative of the Board of Pharmacy*
- e. *A representative of the Department of Correction*
- f. *A representative of Idaho State Police*
- g. *A representative of the State Department of Education*
- h. *A representative of the Division of Veterans Services*
- i. *A member of the Idaho House of Representatives*
- j. *A member of the Idaho Senate*
- k. *A member of the judiciary*
- l. *A county sheriff*
- m. *A county prosecutor*
- n. *A city police chief*
- o. *A representative from the Idaho Indian Tribes*
- p. *A representative of the medical community*
- q. *A representative of the hospital community*
- r. *A representative of the pharmacy community*
- s. *A representative of the treatment and recovery community*
- t. *A representative of the insurance community*



*IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Idaho at the Capitol in Boise on this thirteenth (13th) day of June in the year of our Lord two thousand and nineteen.*

BRAD LITTLE GOVERNOR

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