

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 36

AUGUST 28, 1975

RESTRUCTURING YOUTH SERVICES

Whereas, The City of New York, especially in a time of fiscal austerity, must make every effort to create more coherent planning and policies concerning youth services and develop a more coordinated delivery of youth services technique to assist youth development and to prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency; and

Whereas, The City recognizes the need to review existing youth services and create a more effective mechanism to maximize use of existing resources and to identify new resources.

Now, therefore, by the power vested in me as Mayor of The City of New York, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. There shall be a Youth Board which shall continue as part of the Office of the Mayor and be directly responsible to the Chief Executive.

§ 2. The reorganized Youth Board shall be responsible for the development of the City's general policies and goals for the prevention and reduction of juvenile delinquency and improvement of youth service delivery by acting as the Mayor's policy recommending body for the guidance of those public or private or religious youth related agencies or divisions of agencies offering essential youth services utilizing public funds.

§ 3. The Youth Board shall have the following powers, duties and responsibilities:

(a) Obtain, assemble and develop statistical records and data, including those that reflect the incidence and trends of delinquency and youth crimes and offenses in the City. Make studies, conduct public forums and hearings and develop recommendations to meet the needs of the City's youth;

(b) Collect, correlate and disseminate information regarding existing youth services to all youth related agencies and to the community at large;

(c) Evaluate the performance of youth service agencies, determine service gaps, recommend priorities and submit recommendations to the Mayor to reorganize, restructure, integrate or eliminate those agencies to improve service delivery;

(d) Participate in the preparation of comprehensive plans pertaining in whole or in part to youth development and the prevention and reduction of juvenile delinquency;

(e) Encourage joint efforts among major youth agencies to address and seek resolution of common youth related problems;

(f) In conjunction with the Office of Management and Budget, establish priorities and recommend the allocation of funds for youth programs and further recommend methods of assuring efficient fiscal administration of such funds;

(g) Identify additional funding sources for youth services and assist youth related agencies in obtaining those funds;

(h) Seek methods of involving the private sector in addressing youth problems;

(i) To serve as an advocate in behalf of youth;

(j) Analyze youth related legislation and submit recommendations to the Mayor;

(k) Recommend program models to improve service delivery;

(l) The Chairperson of the Youth Board is authorized to establish committees or advisory groups to address specific policy issues;

(m) The Youth Board shall establish a Youth Advisory Council to enable and encourage youth participation in youth service planning;

(n) Submit an annual report to the Mayor;

(o) Perform other duties as may be assigned by the Mayor.

§ 4. The Youth Board shall be composed of no less than 13 and no more than 28 members appointed by the Mayor who shall be representative of the community. Members will be appointed for four year terms and serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. Members will be unsalaried and receive compensation only for expenses incurred in fulfilling their function. The Chairperson shall be designated by the Mayor and serve at the pleasure of the Mayor.

§ 5. The Youth Board will continue to have the services of a professional staff and a Director responsible for supervising the staff. I direct that, when necessary, commissioners, administrators and heads of relevant youth agencies provide staff subject to availability, to enable the Youth Board to carry out its functions. Staff may also be hired by securing State, Federal or private funds, subject to the approval of the Office of Management and Budget, for particular studies and projects.

§ 6. To implement policies approved by the Mayor and to develop better coordination of service delivery, a Youth Operations Panel is hereby established consisting of the heads of the following agencies: Youth Services Agency, Department of Recreation, Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, Special Services for Children, Police Department, Department of Employment, Office of Neighborhood Services, Board of Education, Department of Health, Department of Probation, the Administrative Judge of the Family Court and the Bureau of the Budget.

§ 7. A Deputy Mayor or his designee shall be the Chairperson and the Executive Director of the Youth Operations Panel.

§ 8. The Youth Operations Panel shall implement policies of the Mayor and develop effective methods of coordinating and improving the delivery of youth services, in order to prevent and reduce juvenile delinquency.

§ 9. The Youth Operations Panel shall have the following powers, duties and responsibilities:

(a) Operate as a forum to receive, exchange and discuss ideas from member agencies, as well as non-member agencies for the improvement of service delivery to youth;

(b) Provide a regular and systematic exchange of information among youth agencies;

(c) Implement program models approved by the Mayor;

(d) Based upon policies or recommendation approved by the Mayor reorganize, restructure or integrate existing youth services for more efficient, economical service delivery;

(e) Provide the Youth Board with technical assistance as required, and participate in the development of comprehensive plans for youth as required by statute;

(f) Recommend to the Mayor joint agency projects or programs which make more efficient use of existing resources;

(g) Determine methods of sharing physical facilities to avoid duplicative capital expenditures;

(h) Work cooperatively in seeking maximum State, Federal and private funding for all youth services;

(i) Work closely with the Youth Board and the Office of Management and Budget to recommend more efficient methods of allocating and monitoring the expenditure of funds for youth service programs;

(j) The Youth Operations Panel shall meet monthly with special meetings held as required. The Chairperson and the Director of the Youth Board shall attend these meetings to provide information and act as a liaison to the Youth Board. The Deputy Mayor shall serve as the Mayor's liaison to the Panel.

§ 10. This Order shall take effect immediately.

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ABRAHAM D. BEAME, Mayor.

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