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TO: The Department of Environmental Quality; the Department of Health and Human Services; the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs; the Department of Education; the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs; the Department of State Police; the Department of Insurance and Financial Services; the Department of Talent and Economic Development, and the Department of Corrections.

FROM: Acting Governor Brian Calley

RE: Michigan Team to End Drug Addiction (MITEDA)

Michigan is currently facing an opioid epidemic, which has taken the lives of countless Michiganders over the past few years. This Administration has taken swift action in its response to this crisis in both critical treatment and prevention efforts, but the fight is far from over.

In June of 2016, Executive Order 2016-15, established the Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Commission. The Commission was created to ensure the implementation and monitoring of a state-wide plan developed by the Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force and to make further recommendations to combat the severe and complex prescription drug and opioid abuse epidemic that is facing this state. The Commission has now fulfilled its two-year mission to implement and monitor a statewide plan to combat Michigan's prescription drug and opioid abuse epidemic, and it is imperative to the health and well-being of our citizens that this effort continue.

The development and maintenance of cooperative relationships between local, state, and federal agencies is necessary to effectively combat the epidemic. This directive is intended to address the need for cooperation and coordination among agencies at all levels of government and to organize a strategic, proactive approach against this national health crisis. Empowering state actors and relevant stakeholders to develop best-practices for combatting this epidemic and for educating Michiganders about its devastating impact will be a central component of this effort.

Section 1 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution of 1963 vests the executive power in the Governor. Section 8 of Article V of the Michigan Constitution places each principal department under the supervision of the Governor, unless otherwise specified in the Constitution. Pursuant to these provisions of the Michigan Constitution, I direct the Department of Environmental Quality; the Department of Health and Human Services; the Department of Military and Veteran Affairs; the Department of Education; the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs; the Department of State Police; the Department of Insurance and Financial Services; the Department of Talent and Economic Development; and the Department of Corrections to immediately establish a Michigan Team to End Drug Addiction (MITEDA).

All other state departments may participate in MITEDA as MITEDA deems appropriate. The Directive is not binding on the Department of Attorney General. However, to promote the goal of coordinating the enforcement of law and regulations across all levels of government, the Department of Attorney General is encouraged to voluntarily designate a representative to serve on MITEDA. MITEDA may also name a clinical advisor to the team.

MITEDA shall develop and maintain relationships among local, state, and federal stakeholders for information sharing and cooperation with combatting the opioid epidemic. The Team shall develop subcommittees that include both departmental and stakeholder participation to address the micro-issues related to the overall effort.

MITEDA will be staffed by employees of the Office of Performance Transformation and each affected department. Any budgeting, procurement, and related management functions of MITEDA shall be performed under the direction and supervision of the Department Directors, as coordinated by the Office of Performance Transformation.

All the duties, functions, responsibilities, and records of the Michigan Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Task Force, the Controlled Substances Advisory Commission, the Advisory Committee on Pain and Symptom Management, and the Prescription Drug and Opioid Abuse Commission are transferred to MITEDA.

MITEDA shall direct implementation of the state's action strategy as it relates to combatting the epidemic which shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- A. Research, develop, and propose policy initiatives that identify and address key concerns related to the opioid epidemic and an action plan to implement the recommended initiatives.
- B. Monitor and advise the Governor as to the progress of the action plan and produce an annual report.

- C. Evaluate the efficacy of the current proposals and continually develop new solutions to address societal changes, identify impacted locations, and create and implement an action plan designed to assist state and local authorities.
- D. Consult the final reports of both the Task Force and the Commission and incorporate recommendations as appropriate.
- E. Establish subcommittees among its members, as appropriate, to allow for detailed analysis of specific issues.
- F. Explore any avenues of funding for remediation efforts including federal grants, legislative appropriations, and private partners.
- G. Provide other information or advice as requested by the Governor.

MITEDA may, as appropriate to perform its duties, make inquiries, conduct studies, consult with federal agencies, and receive comments from the public. MITEDA may consult with and retain outside experts to assist it with its obligations under this Directive.

Members of MITEDA shall serve without compensation but may receive reimbursement for necessary travel and expenses according to relevant statutes and the rules and procedures of the Civil Service Commission and DTMB, subject to available funding.

MITEDA may accept donations of labor, services, or other items of value from any public or private agency or person. Any donations shall be expended in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and procedures.

Members of MITEDA shall refer all legal, legislative, and media contacts to the Office of Performance Transformation.