



Governor Edward G. Rendell re-established Pennsylvania Advisory Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse in early 2004 after an approximately 10-year hiatus. On July 29, 2004, the Advisory Council was reconvened and met in Harrisburg. Members were provided with oral and written orientations on the disease of addiction, the structure of the drug and alcohol field as well as the major activities of and issues facing the Department of Health's Bureau of Drug and Alcohol Programs. This Bureau is the Single State Authority overseeing substance abuse policy. Acting Secretary of Health Everette James, or his designee, chairs of the Pennsylvania Advisory Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse.

**Fiscal Year 2008/09 Advisory Council Scheduled Meetings:**

*These meetings are open to the public.*

**CANCELLED: Wednesday, November 12, 2008, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, January 21, 2009, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, April 29, 2009, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, June 17, 2009, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**All meetings will take place at the Pennsylvania Farm Show Arena, 2300 Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA, in the VIP Lounge on the Second Floor. Directions are included below. If you have any questions please contact Hector L. Gonzalez at [hgonzalez@state.pa.us](mailto:hgonzalez@state.pa.us) or by calling (717) 783-8200.**

Background: The Pennsylvania Drug and Alcohol Abuse Control Act was promulgated on April 14, 1972. It created the Governor's Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse. The Executive Director of the Council and his staff were organizationally located in the Governor's Office. The Council members were appointed by the Governor responsible to review and approve the work products of the Director's staff. In 1981, the Council was transferred to the Department of Health (Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1981) (71 P.S. 759-4) and renamed the Pennsylvania Advisory Council on Drug and Alcohol Abuse. As it is presently written, the Act requires that the Council be composed of the Secretary of Health, or his designee, and eight other members who shall be appointed by the Governor. The Governor has appointed the following individuals to serve on the Council:

1. **Trusandra Elaine Taylor, M.D.**, Medical Director, Fairmount Behavioral Health, Net Steps;
2. **Carlos E. Graupera**, Executive Director, Spanish American Civic Association, Lancaster;
3. **George W. Dowdall, Ph.D.**, Professor of Sociology, Saint Joseph's University, Philadelphia;
4. **Thomas McLellan, Ph.D.**, Director, Treatment Research Institute; Philadelphia;
5. **Marlene E. Burks**, Chief Administrative Officer, Tadiso Inc., a methadone treatment facility;
6. **Kenneth S. Ramsey, Ph.D.**, President and CEO of Gateway Rehabilitation Center;
7. **Rev. Ora Love**, Executive Director, Christians United Against Addiction; and,
8. **Mr. Dickie Noles**, Employee Assistance Counselor, Philadelphia Phillies organization.

## **Directions To Advisory Council Meetings:**

### *From Philadelphia:*

Merge onto I-76 W (Portions toll).

95.9 mi

Merge onto I-283 N via EXIT 247 toward HARRISBURG/HERSHEY.

3.9 mi

I-283 N becomes I-83 N/US-322 W.

3.1 mi

Merge onto I-81 S/US-322 W via EXIT 51A on the LEFT toward CARLISLE/LEWISTOWN.

2.4 mi

Merge onto US-22 E via EXIT 67 toward PA-230/CAMERON ST.

1.6 mi

Turn right at the first light and then left into the farm show parking area

Enter the main lobby (Cameron Street side) and look for signs leading to the VIP lounge (2nd floor)

### *From Pittsburgh via turnpike:*

Merge onto HARRISBURG PIKE/ US-11 N via EXIT 226 toward I-81/ HARRISBURG.

2.2 mi

Merge onto I-81 N toward HARRISBURG.

15.4 mi

Take the US-22/ US-322 W exit, EXIT 67, toward LEWISTOWN/ STATE COLLEGE/ HARRISBURG/  
PA-230/ CAMERON ST.

0.2 mi

Merge onto US-22 E via EXIT 67A toward HARRISBURG/ PA-230/ CAMERON ST.

1.3 mi

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