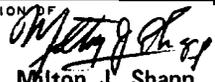


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GOVERNOR'S OFFICE
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Governor's Interdepartmental Council on Seasonal Farmworkers		1974-11
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PREAMBLE

WHEREAS, Many abuses perpetrated against seasonal farmworkers have been brought to the attention of this office; and

WHEREAS, There is an obvious need for a coordinated effort on behalf of the Commonwealth to deal with these abuses; and

WHEREAS, The Commonwealth government is committed to the improvement of living conditions of those who are less fortunate and in need of a voice in government;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governor's interdepartmental Council on Seasonal Farmworkers is hereby established:

1. **COMPOSITION OF COUNCIL.** The Governor's Interdepartmental Council on Seasonal Farmworkers shall be composed of the Secretary of Community Affairs, who shall serve as Chairman, the Secretaries of Revenue, Environmental Resources, Agriculture, Education, Public Welfare, Health, and Labor and Industry, the Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police, the Chairman of the Liquor Control Board, and the Attorney General.
2. **COMMONWEALTH PLAN.** Members of the Interdepartmental Council shall be responsible for developing and overseeing the implementation of a Commonwealth Plan to protect the legal rights of, improve the conditions of employment and housing of, and deliver health, education, training, and social services to seasonal farmworkers. The Plan shall include, but not be limited to, methods for:
 - a. Coordinating all migrant programs and services of Commonwealth agencies.
 - b. Coordinating field surveys, research, studies, and investigations relating to conditions and problems of seasonal farmworkers.
 - c. Reviewing all grants and contracts coming to or emanating from Commonwealth agencies which affect seasonal farmworkers.
 - d. Establishing priorities for allocation of Federal and State funds to programs and services for seasonal farmworkers.

3. COUNCIL DUTIES. The Interdepartmental Council shall:

a. Meet at least six times annually.

b. Review the administration and operation of service and enforcement programs and make recommendations for improvements.

c. Oversee implementation of the Commonwealth Plan.

4. EXECUTIVE SECRETARY. The Secretary of Community Affairs shall appoint a member of his staff to serve as Executive Secretary of the Interdepartmental Council. The Executive Secretary shall, on a day-to-day basis, oversee implementation of the Commonwealth Plan and serve as liaison with individuals and agencies outside of State Government concerned with the problems of seasonal farmworkers.

5. ADVISORY COMMITTEE. There is hereby established an Advisory Committee to the Interdepartmental Council. It shall consist of no fewer than 10 nor more than 20 members appointed by the Interdepartmental Council from nonprofit organizations providing services to seasonal farmworkers, representatives of the agricultural industry, and seasonal farmworkers. Members of the Advisory Committee shall be selected in such a manner so as to assure that the Advisory Committee represents a balanced cross section of opinions and interests. The Advisory Committee shall meet at the Council's discretion and members of the Advisory Committee shall serve at the pleasure of the Council. Members of the Advisory Committee shall be reimbursed in accordance with procedures established by the Governor's Office for expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of their official duties.