

WHEREAS, the State of Texas recognizes the responsibility of the State and its political subdivisions in areas of health and human resources; and

WHEREAS, there is need for effective statewide planning, communication, cooperation and coordination between State agencies involved in health and human resource activities; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for health and human resource agencies, through a coordinated joint effort, to make recommendations to the policy makers of the State; and

WHEREAS, the Governor was authorized to appoint Interagency Planning Councils by the 1967 regular session of the Legislature of Texas (Vernon's Annotated Civil Statutes, Article 4413 (32a)); and

WHEREAS, the Division of Planning Coordination is required to coordinate the activities of the Interagency Planning Councils; and

WHEREAS, the Interagency Health Council was established March 7, 1968 by Governor's letter; and

WHEREAS, the Interagency Human Resources Council was created January 31, 1972 by Executive Order; and

WHEREAS, the Interagency Health Council and the Interagency Human Resources Council were merged by Executive Order in November, 1972 into the Interagency Health and Human Resources Council; be it therefore

ORDERED that the Interagency Health and Human Resources Council have the following purposes, membership, duties, and responsibilities:

- A. The purpose of the Council shall be to serve as a vehicle for: coordinating planning activities of State agencies in the area of health and human resources; identifying and discussing mutual problems in the delivery of health and human resources services; and advising the Governor of the State of Texas on health and human resource matters and policies.
- B. The Governor or his designee shall serve as Chairman of the Interagency Health and Human Resources Council. The membership of the Interagency Health and Human Resources Council shall be composed of, but not limited to the Executive Directors of the following agencies:

Texas State Department of Health
Texas Employment Commission
State Department of Public Welfare
Texas State Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
Texas Education Agency
Texas Rehabilitation Commission
Texas Department of Corrections
Texas Youth Council
Division of Planning Coordination
The University of Texas System
Texas Water Quality Board
Texas Department of Community Affairs
Coordinating Board, Texas College and University System
Texas Commission on Alcoholism
Office of Comprehensive Health Planning
State Commission for the Blind
Texas Commission for the Deaf
Office of State-Federal Relations
Texas Industrial Commission
Texas Industrial Accident Board

and any other agencies the Governor may appoint in the future.


The Governor's Division of Planning Coordination shall serve as staff to the Council. The Council shall meet quarterly, but shall remain subject to the call of the Chairman.

C. The duties and responsibilities of the Council shall include:

- 1) Serving as a broad policy advising body to task forces and working groups appointed to address specific problems.
- 2) Undertaking and promoting joint studies as may be necessary in health and human resource matters.
- 3) Encouraging cooperative, comprehensive and complimentary planning by each State agency or department.
- 4) Coordinating health and human resource activities with other State agencies and Interagency Councils related to but not directly involved in health and human resource matters.
- 5) Recommending legislative, administrative and executive action to improve the development, utilization and conservation of health and human resources.
- 6) Serving as a forum for member agencies and other State or federal agencies to exchange information regarding on-going or proposed plans and programs relating to health and human resources.
- 7) To perform assignments as may be deemed appropriate by the Governor.

D. The Interagency Health and Human Resources Council shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Governor of the State of Texas. Members shall serve without compensation.

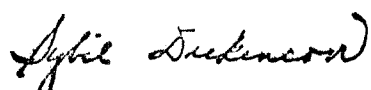
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