

The Governor

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Executive Order WPC-43

Establishing a Coordinating Council on Long-Term Care for the Elderly

WHEREAS, at present several state agencies administer programs which directly affect long-term care issues concerning the elderly; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no mechanism to coordinate and direct public and private resources to the provision of long-term care services; and

WHEREAS, the need has been recognized for a wide range of long-term care services to address the various levels and types of need experienced by elderly persons in every region of Texas, regardless of income or ethnicity; and

WHEREAS, the need has been determined for establishment of a coordinating council on long-term care for the elderly to serve as the mechanism responsible for promoting the most effective development of long-term care programs through coordinated planning and policy development.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me, do hereby create and establish a Coordinating Council on Long-Term Care for the Elderly as follows:

(1) The council shall be chaired by the governor or his designee and shall consist of not more than 17 members.

(2) Members shall include board chairpersons of the Texas Department on Aging, Texas Department of Human Resources, Texas Department of Health, Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation, and the Texas Rehabilitation Commission. In the event that a board chairperson is unable to attend a particular meeting of the council, that board chairperson will designate another member of his or her state agency board to attend and participate in such meeting.

(3) Additional membership shall be comprised of three volunteers, three long-term care service providers, two legislators, and three consumers or relatives of elderly persons receiving long-term care services.

(4) The lieutenant governor and speaker of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one legislative representative who will serve at the pleasure of the appointing officer.

(5) The governor, lieutenant governor, and speaker of the House of Representatives will each appoint one volunteer, one provider, and one consumer (or relative thereof).

(6) The initial volunteer and consumer appointees of the lieutenant governor and the initial volunteer and provider appointees of the speaker will serve a term which expires on February 1, 1983. All subsequent appointees to these positions will serve two-year terms ending on February 1 of odd-numbered years.

All initial appointees of the governor, the provider appointee of the lieutenant governor and the consumer appointee of the speaker will serve a term which expires on February 1, 1984. All subsequent appointments to these positions will serve two-year terms ending on February 1 of even numbered years.

(7) Staff support for the activities of the council shall be supplied by the member agencies with the Texas Department on Aging assuming the lead staffing role.

The duties and responsibilities of the council shall include the following activities:

(1) Revise, update, and review the implementation of the Texas Long-Term Care State Plan and submit biennial reports to the governor and the legislature.

(2) Meet quarterly to review issues concerning long-term care for the elderly and develop appropriate policy recommendations for the State of Texas.

(3) Encourage cooperative, comprehensive, and complementary planning among the public, private, and volunteer sectors for the provision of long-term care services.

All agencies of state and local governments are hereby directed to cooperate and assist the coordinating council in the performance of its duties.

This executive order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until July 31, 1985, or until modified, amended, rescinded, or reenacted by me.

Issued in Austin, Texas, on March 5, 1982.

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William P. Clements, Jr.
Governor of Texas