

1. An individual with expertise in the educational, training, and development needs of youth, particularly disadvantaged youth;
2. An individual with expertise in promoting involvement of senior citizens in service and volunteerism;
3. A representative of community-based organizations within the state;
4. The commissioner of the Texas Education Agency;
5. A representative of local governments in the state;
6. A representative of local labor unions in the state;
7. A representative of business;
8. An individual between the ages of 16 and 25 who is a participant or supervisor in a service program; and
9. A representative of a national service program.

The Governor may also appoint as ex officio, nonvoting members of TxCVCS representatives selected from among officers and employees of state agencies involved with or operating community service, youth service, education, social service, senior service, and job training programs. Nonvoting member shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

A member of TxCVCS shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed by the Texas Workforce Commission for reasonable and necessary travel expenses incurred while performing approved TxCVCS duties, as provided in the General Appropriations Act.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR-AUSTIN, TEXAS EXECUTIVE ORDER GWB 99-2

RELATING TO COMMUNITY-BASED ALTERNATIVES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

WHEREAS, The State of Texas Is committed to providing community-based alternatives for people with disabilities and recognizes that such services advance the best interests of all Texans; and

WHEREAS, Texas seeks to ensure that Texas' community-based programs effectively foster independence and acceptance of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, programs such as Community Based Alternatives and Home and Community Services provide the opportunity for people to live productive lives in their home communities; and

WHEREAS, as Governor, I have been a consistent advocate for increasing funds to expand community-based services for the elderly and people with disabilities and, working with the Legislature, have increased funding for such programs by more than \$1.7 billion, a 72 percent increase, since taking office; and

WHEREAS, the 76th Legislature has provided funding to allow an additional 15,000 Texans to live outside of institutional settings through our Medicaid waiver and non-waiver community services; and

WHEREAS, Texas must build upon its success and undertake a broader review of our programs for people with disabilities and ensure services offered are in the most appropriate setting.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, GOVERNOR OF TEXAS, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby order the following directives:

1. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) shall conduct a comprehensive review of all services and support systems available to people with disabilities in Texas. This review shall analyze the availability, application, and efficacy of existing community-based alternative for people with disabilities. The review shall focus on identifying affected populations, improving the flow of information about supports in the community, and removing barriers that impede opportunities for community placement. The review shall examine these issues in light of the recent United States Supreme Court decision in *Olmstead v. Zimring*.

2. HHSC shall ensure the involvement of consumers, advocates, providers and relevant agency representatives in this review.

3. HHSC shall submit a comprehensive written report of its findings to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, and the appropriate committees of the 77th Legislature no later than January 9, 2001. The report will include specific recommendations on how Texas can improve its community-based programs for people with disabilities by legislative or administrative action.

4. All affected agencies and other public entities shall cooperate fully with HHSC's research, analysis, and production of the report. This report should be made available electronically.

5. Ass opportunities for system improvements are identified, HHSC shall use its statutory authority to effect appropriate changes.

George W. Bush, Governor of Texas

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THE STATE OF TEXAS EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR-AUSTIN, TEXAS EXECUTIVE ORDER GWB 99-3

RELATING TO CONTINUING THE GOVERNOR'S COMMISSION FOR WOMEN

WHEREAS, more than half the population of our nation and this state are women;

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the potential of all citizens be utilized to the fullest extent without regard to sex, race, religion, national origin, marital or parental status;

WHEREAS, this administration has a sincere and firm commitment to the goals of achieving equal legal, economic, political, educational, and social opportunity and advancement of women;

WHEREAS, the achievement of these goals is facilitated by continuing and redirecting the Governor's Commission for Women;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE W. BUSH, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS under the authority vested in me, do hereby order that the Governor's Commission for Women, hereafter referred to as the Commission, is continued without interruption.

The Commission will consist of no more than fifteen (15) members appointed by the Governor for a two-year. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. The Governor shall designate a Chair and Vice-Chair form the membership who shall hold such designations at the pleasure of the Governor. The Governor shall appoint and

executive director who shall assist the Commission as it adopts rules and procedures and develops and implements activities consistent with the provisions of the executive order.

The Commission shall have as its principal charge the achievement of the following:

- (a) Identify and research key issues facing and affecting the women of Texas today;
- (b) Assess and develop strategies and projects-including community outreach activities, public-private partnerships, and coordination of community and state resources-to increase the awareness of, and enhance sensitivities to, these previously identified issues;
- (c) Organize, coordinate and host the Texas Hall of Fame Awards Dinner, which recognizes and honors outstanding women in Texas; and
- (d) Establish a State Agency Council to assist the Commission in fulfilling its charge.

The Commission shall make a biennial written report of its findings, activities, and recommendations to the Governor.

The Commission shall meet quarterly or at the call of the Chair. A majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum for the purpose of conducting the business of the Commission

The members of the Commission shall serve without salary.

All agencies of state and local government are hereby directed to cooperate and assist the Commission in the performance of duties.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.

George W. Bush, Governor of Texas

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