

Executive Orders

THE STATE OF TEXAS EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR—AUSTIN, TEXAS EXECUTIVE ORDER GWB 99-1

RELATING TO THE CONTINUATION OF THE TEXAS COMMISSION ON VOLUNTEERISM AND COMMUNITY SERVICE.

WHEREAS, Texans are a dedicated, selfless people who successfully marshal volunteer resources to meet crises and serve their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, genuine volunteerism encourages a sense of stewardship with one's community and helps foster a more responsible and enterprising citizenry; and

WHEREAS, Texas can benefit from a comprehensive and coordinated effort to (i) improve and strengthen the state's volunteerism and community service infrastructure, (ii) maximize the utilization of available resources, and (iii) cultivate volunteer service opportunities that address the state's pressing needs; and

WHEREAS, Congress passed and the President signed the National and Community Services Trust Act of 1993 (the "Act") to reward community service with education grants; and

WHEREAS, Texas Has designated the Texas Commission on Volunteerism and Community Service ("TxCVCS") to serve as the state's administrative vehicle under the Act, and to oversee Texas' participation in programs authorized and appropriated by the Corporation for National and Community Services; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the 74th Texas Legislature passed House Bill 1863 (now Codified as Texas Labor Code §302.021), which consolidated several job-training, employment, and employment-related educational programs and functions, including programs under the Act, under the authority of the Division of Workforce Development of the Texas Workforce Commission.

NOW, THEREFORE, I GEORGE W. BUSH, GOVERNOR OF TEXAS, by virtue of the power vested in me, do hereby order that TxCVCS is hereby continued, and, aside from any additional duties prescribed by the Act, is charged with the following responsibilities:

1. Serving as the states liaison to the Corporation for National and Community Service, applying for funding under the Act, overseeing Texas' participation in the relevant programs, and preparing a comprehensive national and community service plan for the state that shall be updated annually;
2. Provident technical assistance, education, information, and other support to Texas' extensive volunteer community, and improving and strengthening the state's volunteerism and community service infrastructure.

3. Promoting innovative and model programs and initiatives that address Texas' educational, public safety, human, and environmental needs;

4. Working closely with faith-based and private charities, community-based groups, voluntary associations, educational entities, and other organizations to promote volunteerism and community service based not on the institutions of government, but on the institutions of civil society, and to:

(a) encourage community services and volunteer participation as a means of community and state problem solving;

(b) promote and support voluntary citizen involvement in various programs throughout the state;

5. Assuming the functions of the Governor's Office of Volunteerism; preparing and presenting the annual Governor's Volunteer Leadership Conference and the annual Governor's Volunteer Awards; coordinating statewide activities of the Texas Pledge-Keeping America's Promise; coordinating a statewide Texas Mentoring Initiative; promoting activities that complement the state's Lone Star Leaders initiative; promoting youth service and youth service leadership through the creation, training and operational support of a network of youth service councils; and supporting other volunteerism-related efforts throughout Texas.

TxCVCS shall remain housed under the authority of the Texas Workforce Commission's Division of Workforce Development, pursuant to §302.021 of the Texas Labor Code. TxCVCS shall continue to accomplish its responsibilities and charges under the direction of, and in cooperation with, the Texas Workforce Commission, which renders administrative and programmatic oversight pursuant to § 302.002 of the Texas Labor Code. While exercising ultimate supervision over TxCVCS' fiscal, personnel, and legal matters, the Workforce Commission is directed to recognize TxCVCS' unique status as a federally-authorized and -funded entity with its own Governor-appointed slate of commissioners.

The total number of voting members on TxCVCS shall be 15, of which no more than 50 percent plus one can be from the same political party. All commissioners shall serve three-year terms. Members may be reappointed and serve up to two consecutive terms. The voting members of TxCVCS who are officers or employees of the state shall not exceed 25 percent (reduced to the nearest whole number) of the total membership. The Governor may replace a TxCVCS commissioner who misses three scheduled meetings. The voting member of TxCVCS shall elect annually one of its voting members to serve as chairperson.

Pursuant to federal law, TxCVCS shall include the following voting members and such other voting members as the Governor may appoint:

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