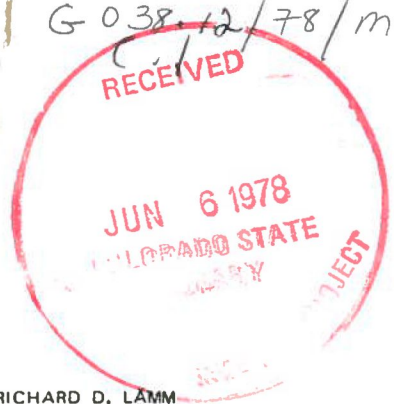


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State of Colorado

EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS

DENVER

RICHARD D. LAMM
Governor

E X E C U T I V E O R D E R

ELECTROSHOCK THERAPY TASK FORCE

WHEREAS, there have been serious concerns expressed in the medical, legal, governmental, and public spheres about the policies and regulations governing the administration of electroshock therapy; and

WHEREAS, the problems that have been raised in regards to electroshock therapy need to be specifically defined; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to examine current available data, laws, and practices concerning the use of electroshock treatment; and


WHEREAS, a coordinated effort of professional and lay citizens is necessary to research the background and scope of electroshock issues, as well as recommend any needed changes in current laws and practices,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Richard D. Lamm, Governor of the State of Colorado, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the Laws of the State of Colorado, do hereby order and direct that:

1. There is hereby created an Electroshock Therapy Task Force, hereinafter referred to as the Task Force.
2. The Task Force shall have 15 members, appointed by the Governor.
 - A. The Governor shall appoint a Chairperson from among the members.
 - B. The terms of the members shall expire at the pleasure of the Governor.
3. The Task Force shall meet at least once monthly.

4. The Task Force shall prepare a preliminary report for the Governor and deliver it to him no later than December 1, 1978.
5. The Task Force shall examine the background of electroshock therapy issues, including: current data, laws, and practices in Colorado and in other states.
6. The Task Force shall identify problems and make recommendations in the following areas as they relate to electroshock therapy:
 - A. Abuse
 - B. Patients' Rights
 - C. Monitoring of Regulations
 - D. On-going Data Collection
 - E. Effective Criteria for Utilization and Outcome

GIVEN under my hand and the Executive Seal of Colorado, this fourth day of May, A.D., 1978.


GOVERNOR