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EXECUTIVE ORDER

CREATING THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order creating the Governor's Task Force for Persons with Disabilities.

1. Background and Need.

There is a great number of boards, councils and commissions within the State of Colorado serving individuals with disabilities. While it is important for people with disabilities to be represented, it is unknown whether these organizations are effective, or if their endeavors are duplicative and inefficient.

Addressing the needs of persons with disabilities statewide is a crucial issue. Therefore, a task force is essential in order to make recommendations on the consolidation, addition and elimination of boards, councils and commissions to better serve the disabled community.

1. Task Force Created.

The Governor's Task Force for Persons with Disabilities is hereby established within the Office of the Governor.

2. Mission.

The Task Force shall:

- A. Explore ways to increase the coordination and effectiveness of boards, councils and commissions concerned with publicly funded services to persons with disabilities;
- B. Delineate the duties of each existing board, council and commission serving individuals with disabilities, and determine whether each is created and/or required by executive order, state or federal statute or regulation;

- C. Recommend the consolidation and elimination of boards, councils and commissions to better utilize existing resources, promote efficiency, and eliminate duplication and conflicting messages;
- D. Submit a report of its recommendations to the Governor on or before November 15, 2000.

3. Membership.

All members shall be appointed by the Governor and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Membership of the Task Force may be revised at any time as determined by the Governor.

The Task Force members shall include but are not limited to:

- A. A representative from the Governor's Advisory Council for Persons with Disabilities;
- B. A representative from the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council;
- C. A representative from the State Rehabilitation Council;
- D. A representative from the Statewide Independent Living Council;
- E. A representative from the State Advisory Board on Mental Health Services Standards;
- F. A representative from the Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council;
- G. A representative from the Medicaid Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities;
- H. A representative from the Developmental Disabilities Services Advisory Committee.

4. Task Force Operations.

The Task Force shall have the power to accept money and in-kind contributions from private entities only to the extent such donations are necessary to cover its expenses. Any money contributed to the Task Force shall be directed to the Office of the Governor and deposited with the Treasurer of the State of Colorado in an account within the Office of the Governor's budget. Members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation, but may, upon the discretion of the chair and approval of the Office of the Governor, be reimbursed for any actual expenses incurred. The Task Force shall meet at the call of the Chairman and

at least 8 members are required for a quorum. Final recommendations shall only be adopted upon a majority vote of the Task Force members voting at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

5. Duration.

The Council and this Executive Order shall terminate on November 30, 2000, unless extended by Executive Order of the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado this 26th day of
May, 2000.

Bill Owens
Governor