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STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 2-90

OF MONTANA

EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING
THE GOVERNOR'S HEALTH CARE SERVICES
AVAILABILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Montana is suffering a loss of essential health care services, including obstetrical services, particularly in its rural areas;

WHEREAS, health care service providers have advised me that the causes and solutions to this problem are complex, requiring further study and public discussion;

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the state of Montana to appoint a broad-based Governor's task force to analyze the problem of obstetrical care as well as other health and health insurance related issues and to seek consensus and propose solutions to maintain quality health care in our state;

WHEREAS, Section 2-15-122, MCA, authorizes the Governor to create advisory councils to gather information and make recommendations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STAN STEPHENS, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me by 2-15-122, MCA, do hereby create the Governor's Health Care Services Availability Advisory Council.

I. PURPOSE

The Council shall:

- (a) examine the extent, causes and effects of the loss of health care services, including obstetrical care in Montana;
- (b) analyze possible short-term solutions including, but not limited to, increased medicaid reimbursement and, direct payments for a portion of malpractice premiums related to obstetrical care;
- (c) analyze potential short-term and long-term solutions, including but not limited to proposals by the Montana Medical Association, the Montana Hospital Association and the State Auditor; and

(d) recommend, on or before September 30, 1991, preferred short-term and long-term solutions to curtail and stabilize health care services in Montana and her rural areas for submission to the 52nd Legislature.

II. COMPOSITION

The Council shall have 15 members (plus two ex-officio members), consisting of the following persons:

Medical Profession

Dr. Van Kirke Nelson
210 Sunny View Lane
Kalispell, MT 59901

Dr. Jimmie L. Ashcraft
214 14th Avenue S.W.
Sidney, MT 59270

Dr. Gordon K. Phillips
1400 29th Street South
Great Falls, MT 59405

Dr. Jim Hoyne
Box 927
Saddle Mountain
Clancy, MT 59634

Legal Profession:

Mr. Chadwick Smith
Box 604
Helena, MT 59624

Mr. Larry E. Riley
199 W. Pine
Missoula, MT 59801

Insurance Industry:

Leonard A. Kaufman, Ph.D.
The Doctors' Company
P.O. Box 7034
Billings, MT 59101

Mr. Charles Butler, Jr.
Blue Cross/Blue Shield
404 Fuller Avenue
Helena, MT 59601

Legislators:

Senator Loren Jenkins (R)
RR 1, Box 689
Big Sandy, MT 59520

Senator Paul F. Boylan (D)
3747 S. 19th Road
Bozeman, MT 59715

Rep. John A. Mercer (R)
P.O. Box 450
Polson, MT 59860

Rep. Paula Darko (D)
P.O. Box 490
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Health Care Professionals:

Ms. Peggy Guthrie
Box 541
Choteau, MT 59422

Mr. John Bartos
Marcus Daly Memorial Hospital
1200 Westwood Drive
Hamilton, MT 59840

Ms. Laura Grinde
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Lewistown, MT 59452

Ex-Officio Members:

Ms. Julia Robinson
or designee
Dept. of SRS
111 Sanders Street
Helena, MT 59620

Dr. Donald Espelin
or designee
Preventive Health Services
Bureau
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Room C314, Cogswell Building
Helena, MT 59620

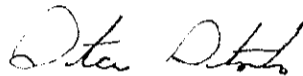
III. COMPENSATION

Council members eligible for compensation under 2-15-122(3) shall be paid \$25 for each day actually and necessarily engaged in performance of Council duties. All Council members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to 2-15-122(5).

IV. DURATION

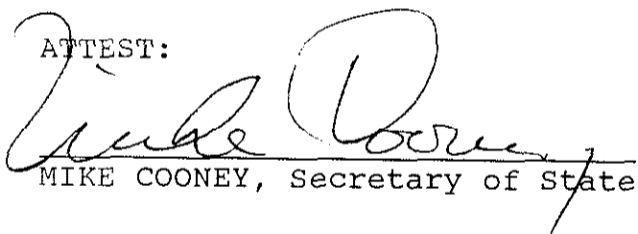
The Council shall exist until January 26, 1992. This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana this 12th day of February, in the year of our LORD, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ninety.



STAN STEPHENS
Governor

ATTEST:



MIKE COONEY, Secretary of State