

STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 6-88

EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING
THE OBSTETRICAL SERVICES AVAILABILITY ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Montana is suffering a loss of obstetrical services, particularly in its rural areas.

WHEREAS, The Insurance Subcommittee of the Governor's Council on Economic Development has advised me that the causes and solutions to this problem are complex, requiring further study and public discussion,

WHEREAS, the Insurance Subcommittee has recommended appointment of a broad-based task force to analyze the problem, seek consensus, and propose solutions,

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, TED SCHWINDEN, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me by 2-15-122, do hereby create the Obstetrical Services Availability Advisory Council.

I. PURPOSE

The Council shall:

- (a) examine the extent, causes and effects of the loss of 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 long-term solutions, including but not limited to those proposed by the Montana Medical Association and the State Auditor; and
- (d) recommend, on or before September 30, 1988, preferred short-term and long-term solutions for submission to the 51st Legislature.

II. COMPOSITION

The Council shall have 15 members, consisting of the following persons:

Medical Profession:

Dr. John T. Molloy
401 15th Ave. South
Great Falls, MT 59401

Dr. Van Kirke Nelson
210 Sunnyview Lane
Kalispell, MT 59901

Dr. Jimmy L. Ashcraft
214 14th Ave. SW, Room 110
Sidney, MT 59270

Kyle N. Hopstad
Deaconess Hospital
621 3rd South

Legal Profession:

Leo Berry
Browning, Kaleczyc, Berry
and Hoven
28 Last Chance Gulch
Helena, MT 59601

Karl J. Englund
Sherwood & Englund
401 N. Washington
Missoula, MT 59801

Insurance Industry:

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

Charles Butler, Jr.
Blue Cross/Blue Shield
Vice Pres. External
Affairs
404 Fuller Ave.
Helena, MT 59601

Legislators:

Joseph P. Mazurek (D-Helena)
Gough, Shanahan, Johnson and
Waterman
First National Bank
Helena, MT 59601

H.W. (Swede) Hammond
(R-Malta)
P.O. Box 1366
Malta, MT 59538

John A. Mercer (R-Polson)
French, Mercer, and Grainey
P.O. Box 450
Polson, MT 59860

Ted Schye (D-Glasgow)
North Star Route
Glasgow, MT 59230

Public Members:

Kay Foster
1833 Iris Lane
Billings, MT 59101

Marietta Cross, RN
1820 Cyprus Court
Missoula, MT 59801

Jean M. Bowman
481 S. Park Ave.
Helena, MT 59601

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

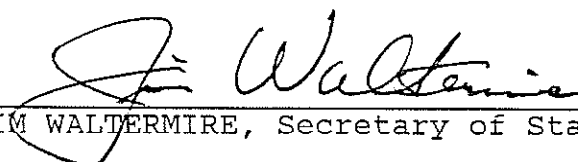
The Council shall exist until May 15, 1989. This Order is effective immediately.

GIVEN under my hand and the GREAT SEAL of the State of Montana, this 11th day of March, in the year of our LORD One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Eight.



TED SCHWINDEN
Governor

ATTEST:



JIM WALTERMIRE, Secretary of State