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OKLAHOMA SECRETARY
OF STATE

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

E X E C U T I V E O R D E R 93-20

WHEREAS, Part B of the Federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act of 1991 (Public Law 100-145) provides payments to states to assist in the development of a comprehensive and coordinated system of services for persons with developmental disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Oklahoma is required, as a condition of receiving such federal assistance, to conduct appropriate planning and coordination encompassing administrative activities, federal priority activities and state priority activities; and

WHEREAS, the ultimate objective of these activities is to enable individuals with developmental disabilities to achieve their maximum potential through increased independence, productivity and integration into the community; and

WHEREAS, to obtain such financial assistance it is necessary that a state plan for the provision of services for individuals who are developmentally disabled be developed for Oklahoma and approved by the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services; and

WHEREAS, Oklahoma and any other state which receives assistance under federal law must establish a State Planning Council to oversee the development and administration of the plan in conjunction with the designated agency; and

WHEREAS, the members of the State Planning Council must be appointed by the Governor from among Oklahoma residents in a manner consistent with federal law; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Oklahoma must make appropriate provisions for membership rotation on the State Planning Council; and

WHEREAS, federal law provides for the Governor to designate a state agency to administer the available federal grants and such designation is to be made following consideration of comments of the general public and the non-state members of the State Planning Council and after the Governor has made an independent assessment of the impact that the designation of such agency has on the ability of the State Planning Council to serve as an advocate for persons with developmental disabilities.

NOW THEREFORE, I, DAVID WALTERS, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by law, do hereby confirm the actions taken previously by the State of Oklahoma to name the Department of Human Services as the designated state agency to prepare, in conjunction with the State Planning Council, and submit a State Plan for Developmental Disabilities for approval by the Secretary of Health and Human Services in compliance with the Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act.

PROVIDED FURTHER, that the following terms and conditions shall apply to the appointment of members and the chairman of the State Planning Council:

1. Membership of the Council shall be limited to twenty-seven (27) members. The qualifications for membership shall be as specified in Public Law 100-146, Section 124 (b) (3)-(5).

2. All members of the Council serve at the Governor's pleasure. Except for state agency representatives, all members of Council shall serve for three (3) year terms, provided that the initial terms of office shall be for the following time periods:

a. One-third (1/3) of the non-state agency representatives shall serve an initial term of one (1) year, and

b. One-third (1/3) of the non-state agency representatives shall serve an initial term of two (2) years, and

c. One-third (1/3) of the non-state agency representatives shall serve an initial term of three (3) years.

3. The Governor shall designate the Council Chairman.
4. No member of the Council shall serve for more than two (2) consecutive terms of office.
5. Any Council member failing to attend three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings shall be immediately disqualified from Council service for a period of one (1) year.
6. The Council shall cease to exist upon the enactment of federal legislation abolishing its necessity.
7. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the State of Oklahoma to affixed this 2d day of August, 1993.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

David Walter

ATTEST:

Jammy M. Thompson

ASSISTANT Secretary of State