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Brad Henry
Governor
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2006-20

I, Brad Henry, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, by the authority vested in me pursuant to Sections 1 and 2 of Article VI of the Oklahoma Constitution, hereby establish the Governor's Oklahoma United We Ride Council.

The purpose shall be to provide a comprehensive assessment of existing state and federal human service transportation funding programs. The Council shall evaluate the most effective and efficient use of human service transportation resources including the coordination of transportation services and funding. This shall include assessing opportunities and barriers for improved human service transportation; overlap caused by duplicated agency efforts; and service gaps to enhance citizen access to all available transportation and resources. The Council shall review the transportation policies of state agencies that provide human service transportation to identify the most efficient methods for facilitating the coordination of human service transportation services. All such state agencies that provide human service transportation shall cooperate with the Council in implementing the provisions of this Order. In conjunction with the Joint Oklahoma Information Network (JOIN), the Council shall develop and maintain a consolidated inventory of all human service transportation providers within the state.

The Council shall make recommendations addressing the standards and methods of activity report; the contents of interagency agreements including service assurances, financial commitments, monitoring and compliance plans; and the most appropriate and cost efficient service that can be accomplished through the coordination or consolidation of human service transportation resources.

There is hereby created the Governor's Oklahoma United We Ride Council (Council) composed of at least twenty-seven (27), but not more than twenty-eight (28) members appointed by the Governor.

The Council shall be composed of:

A. State officials that shall include incumbents or designees of the following named offices, or their successors in office or function:
1. Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce;
2. Director of the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services;
3. Commissioner of Health;

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4. Director of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services;
5. Commissioner of the Oklahoma Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services;
6. Director of the Oklahoma Department of Veterans Affairs;
7. Director of the Oklahoma Department of Transportation;
8. Director of the Oklahoma Office of Handicapped Concerns;
9. Chief Executive Officer of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority;
10. Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth;
11. Director of the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission; and
12. State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

B. The following members shall be appointed at the discretion and pleasure of the Governor:
1. at least four (4) members representing the transportation disadvantaged population;
2. at least three (3) members representing transportation providers;
3. at least four (4) members representing transportation disadvantaged organizations;
4. at least three (3) members representing community government organizations; and
5. at least one (1) member representing an Oklahoma nation or tribe.

C. Other members may be appointed, at the discretion and pleasure of the Governor, representing each of the appropriate agencies involved in the coordination or use of human service transportation resources.

Members listed in Sections B and C above shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor for a three-year term beginning October 1, 2006. Of the initial members appointed, one-third shall be appointed for an initial term of one (1) year, one-third shall be appointed for an initial term of two (2) years, and one-third shall be appointed for an initial term of three (3) years. Members may be reappointed and shall continue to serve until a new appointment is made.

The Council shall meet at such times and places as it deems appropriate. Members shall serve without compensation. Council members employed by a state agency shall be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the Council as authorized by state law by their respective state agency. Remaining Council members shall also be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the Council as authorized by state law by the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services. Administrative support for the Council, including, but not limited to, personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance of the duties and responsibilities of the Council, shall be provided by the Oklahoma Department of Rehabilitation Services. The Council shall elect a chair and vice chair from its membership. The Council shall report to the Governor regarding its progress and status on January 1, 2007 and every six (6) months thereafter.

This Executive Order shall be distributed to the Oklahoma Department of

Rehabilitation Services which shall cause the provisions of this Order to be implemented.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, this 18 day of October, 2006.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

BRAD HENRY

ATTEST:

SECRETARY OF STATE