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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
COLUMBIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

WHEREAS, the objective of assuring the provision of adequate health care and other human resource development services to all citizens of the State of South Carolina, regardless of income or place of residence, is vital to the economic and social well-being of the State; and

WHEREAS, these objectives encompass the physical, social and mental well-being of all South Carolinians; and

WHEREAS, there are various agencies, bureaus, commissions and departments individually and separately involved in activities in the public and private realm of health and social affairs; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to continue to provide a comprehensive, coordinated range of human services on the basis of provider consensus, wherever possible, and to integrate the many disparate services and activities at the consumer level and, at the same time, to the extent practicable, strengthen and retain the integrity and advocacy role of the individual agencies at the state and sub-state levels; and

WHEREAS, to achieve these objectives in the manner desired, obviating the necessity of creating through consolidation an all-encompassing operating and administering Human Resources bureaucracy within State Government, there have been created the South Carolina Health Policy and Planning Council and the South Carolina Social Development Policy Council with specific responsibilities and executive authority; and

WHEREAS, the functions of these two Councils embrace, among other things, the achievement of high public accountability for public funds in related areas and the development of policies to guide the investment of these funds; the supervision of administration of these policies; the review and approval of requests for public funds for all health and Social Services activities; the development and enunciation of necessary policies and programs to achieve reasonable cost containment in the delivery of health services and Social Services in the public and private sectors within the state; to promote health manpower analyses and projections; to coordinate and to supervise the administration of licensure and certification of facilities, services and manpower; to supervise the administration of Section 1122 of the Social Security Act, as it is and may be revised, and the issuance of related certificates of need; to assure quality of health services through maintaining liaison with the State Professional Standards Review Organization; and to coordinate inter-agency efforts for allied services planning and delivery at the consumer level; and

WHEREAS, the efficient and effective functioning of these two Councils requires staff support for the development of policy alternatives and implementation of decisions,

NOW THEREFORE, by the powers conferred upon me by the South Carolina Constitution and Laws of the State of South Carolina, there is hereby created in my office the Division of Health and Social Development, charged with the responsibility of providing staff support to the South Carolina Health Policy and Planning Council and to the South Carolina Social Development Policy Council and to the Committees of each Council.

The Division shall serve as the focal point for research, planning, programming, and monitoring activities in support of the Councils' policies and decisions. Further, the Division shall seek to promote coordination and collaboration of issues and

activities of common interest to all service agencies within the State and of the Councils, and shall review and make recommendations for legislative or other actions upon the request of the Governor or the Legislature or upon the initiative of the Councils.

The Division is authorized to receive and dispense Federal, State and other funds which may be made available for these purposes; it is empowered to enter into contracts, and sub-contracts, as necessary, in performing its duties.

The Division shall be headed by a director, who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of Chairmen of the two Councils. It shall be staffed by such other officers and employees as the director, with the approval of the Chairmen of the Councils, may from time to time appoint.

This Executive Order shall be effective immediately, and supersedes previous instructions concerning support for the Councils.

Given under my hand and the
Great Seal of the State of South
Carolina, at Columbia, South
Carolina, this 1st day of July,
1974.



Attest:

John C. West
Governor

O. Frank Thornton
Secretary of State