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STATE of NEBRASKA EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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EXECUTIVE ORDER 95-2

NEBRASKA HEALTH POLICY PROJECT

- 1.0 Establishment The Governor of the State of Nebraska through Executive Order 95-2 hereby establishes the Nebraska Health Policy Project (hereafter the "Project").
- 2.0 Purpose The purpose of the Project shall be to ensure that Nebraska has an effective, comprehensive, appropriate, and affordable state health policy providing all Nebraskans with the nations best health. This project shall, through research, information transfer, advocacy, encouragement of public/private partnerships, cooperation among communities, and coordination among service providers and state agencies, increase the State of Nebraska's capacity to effect health policy.
- 3.0 Charge The Projects' charge shall be to research, develop a strategic plan, evaluate, and provide recommendations on the organizational development of an agency that, through cooperative arrangements with existing health and human service agencies, would provide direct management of the Nebraska Medicaid Program; and would coordinate the development of strategic health policy for the state of Nebraska. The goals of this organization shall include, but not be limited to:
  - 3.1 Oversee health policy.
  - 3.2 Coordinate state efforts regarding health activities.
  - 3.3 Monitor federal health policy.
  - 3.4 Monitor private health policy, planning, and activities.
  - 3.5 Encourage and support continuity, coordination, and cooperation among national, state, multi-community, and local health initiatives and service providers.
  - 3.6 Integrate existing health goals and recommendations from the Governor's Blue Ribbon Coalition, the State Health and Human Service Agencies, and other statewide strategic planning organizations.
  - 3.7 Facilitate state-level health innovation through strategic planning, research, and evaluation of initiatives.
  - 3.8 Champion and foster community-based health initiatives. Stimulate health innovation and foster information transfer to, from, and within the State of Nebraska.

- 3.9 Serve as an advisory body to the Governor and the Administration on health issues.
- 3.10 Coordinate Congressional relations.
- 3.11 Identify the benchmarks of a performance accountability system to monitor the effectiveness of Nebraska health policy.
- 3.12 Coordinate flow of funds based on policy determination.

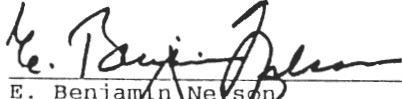
#### 4.0 Powers

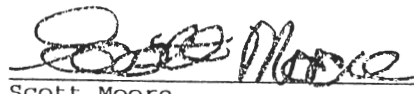
- 4.1 The Project Chairperson may appoint members, obtain advisors, create task forces, and/or engage in other appropriate activities necessary to completing its mission.
- 4.2 The Project may issue reports, recommendations, and/or other communications deemed necessary by its Chairperson.
- 4.3 The Project shall adopt necessary operating procedures and guidelines.
- 4.4 The Project may engage in other activities relevant and appropriate to its purpose, charge, and powers.

#### 5.0 Governance

- 5.1 **Chairperson** The Nebraska Health Policy Project shall be chaired by the Lieutenant Governor of the State of Nebraska.
- 5.2 **Location** The Project office shall be based in the Department of Public Institutions.
- 5.3 **Project Fund** The Governor of the State of Nebraska through Executive Order 95-2 authorizes the creation of the Nebraska Health Policy Project Fund. This Fund shall be managed by the Department of Public Institutions on behalf of the Project.
- 5.4 **Donations, Grants and Other Outside Income** The Project may accept donations, grants, gifts, or other support. Financial contributions shall be placed in the Nebraska Health Policy Project Fund and shall be used to support Project activities.
- 5.5 **Accounting** This Fund shall be subject to all accounting rules and regulations of the State of Nebraska. A detailed accounting of all non-monetary contributions shall be kept. This information shall be made readily available to interested members of the public.
- 5.6 **Administrative and Technical Support** Administrative and technical support shall be provided by the Nebraska Departments of Health, Social Services, Public Institutions, Insurance, and the Department on Aging under the direct supervision of the Governor. The Governor requests voluntary cooperation and assistance of other appropriate government and private sector entities.
- 5.7 **Technical Support** Technical support shall be provided by the Governor's Policy Research Office and by the Governor's Blue Ribbon Coalition, where necessary.

6.0 Sunset The Nebraska Health Policy Project shall sunset on January 1, 1996. The Project shall issue a report to the Governor on December 15, 1995 which includes at least the following: a summary of its activities; recommendations and a strategic action plan on the organizational development of an agency to coordinate health policy, including direct management and administration of the Nebraska Medicaid Program; recommendations for future health policy; and advice regarding the continuance of the Project.

  
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E. Benjamin Nelson  
Governor  
State of Nebraska

  
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Scott Moore  
Secretary of State  
State of Nebraska

January 25, 1995  
Date

