

STATE OF MONTANA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
EXECUTIVE ORDER NO 5-2007

EXECUTIVE ORDER CREATING A
GOVERNOR'S FAMILY HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Whereas, Montana families are the cornerstone of our state and our communities;
and

Whereas, all Montanans have a vested interest in improving the health and safety of Montana families, especially the health and safety of our children; and

Whereas, health care providers, consumers, and nongovernmental organizations committed to maternal and child health should act in partnership with state agencies to resolve problems affecting infants, children, families, pregnant women, and women of child-bearing age; and

Whereas, overarching strategies and coordinated application of local, state, tribal, federal, and private nonprofit resources are critical to improving family health; and

Whereas, improving the health of Montana families will require the development of appropriate, inclusive policies that promote innovative, cost efficient solutions.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor of the State of Montana, by virtue of the authority vested in me under the laws and Constitution of the State of Montana, do hereby establish the Family Health Advisory Council as provided in this Executive Order.

PURPOSE:

The purpose of the Advisory Council is to assist and advise the Governor on issues of family health. Specifically, the Council shall advise the Governor on:

- A. Gender, age, and culturally-appropriate strategies to provide relevant, integrated health care to men, women, children, and families.
- B. Methods to ensure comprehensive and accurate health information is available to Montana families and individuals, when appropriate.
- C. Cost effective strategies to coordinate resources across a range of care providers and government entities.
- D. Any other recommendations to improve the delivery of services, access to services, or the quality of services available to families, mothers, and children in Montana.

The Council shall report its recommendations to the Governor on or before September 1, 2008.

COMPOSITION:

The Council shall consist of not more than 11 voting members, appointed by and, serving at the pleasure of the Governor. Additionally the Governor may appoint non-voting, ex-officio members. The names and addresses of members will be submitted by separate letter to the Secretary of State. The Governor shall appoint a chair from among the voting members.

The Council is attached to the Department of Public Health and Human Services for administrative purposes. The Department shall assist the Council by providing staff and other resources and information as necessary to carry out the Council's purpose.

COMPENSATION:

Council members eligible for compensation under § 2-15-122(5), MCA, shall be compensated by the Department of Public Health and Human Services in an amount to be determined by the Director, not to exceed \$25 for each day in which the member is actually and necessarily engaged in the performance of Council duties. All members shall be reimbursed for travel expenses pursuant to § 2-15-122(5), MCA.


DURATION:

This Executive Order is effective immediately upon signing and shall remain in effect for two years from the effective date unless extended or terminated by subsequent Executive Order.

March Given under hand and the Great Seal of the State of Montana this 22 day of March, 2007.


BRIAN SCHWEITZER, Governor

ATTEST:


for BRAD JOHNSON, Secretary of State