

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER 91-02**

### **CREATING THE GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON HIV/AIDS**

**WHEREAS**, infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), the virus which causes AIDS, is one of the most significant public health issues facing the citizens of Washington state; and

**WHEREAS**, the public issues around HIV infection and AIDS are constantly changing as the epidemic progresses in our state; and

**WHEREAS**, government, private industry, schools, health professions, community groups and citizens must each play a role in preventing the spread of infection and in assuring the availability of humane social and health care for individuals infected with HIV; and

**WHEREAS**, an advisory council comprised of individuals from varied backgrounds and expertise will improve cooperation between diverse segments of the state in preventing the spread of HIV by raising public awareness of the epidemic and by improving services to those already infected; and

**WHEREAS**, the AIDS Advisory Council established in 70.24.410 RCW is scheduled to terminate on June 30, 1991,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I**, Booth Gardner, Governor of the State of Washington, do hereby establish the Governor's Advisory Council on HIV/AIDS, as follows:

1) The Advisory Council has the following duties:

- assist the Governor in developing sound state policies on the HIV epidemic,
- review and make recommendations about proposed HIV/AIDS related programs and legislation developed or presented by government agencies or other groups,
- identify gaps in existing HIV/AIDS programs and services and
- provide the Governor with a forum in which to debate issues related to HIV/AIDS.

2) The Advisory Council shall be composed of not more than thirty members, appointed by the Governor. Members shall be representative of persons with HIV/AIDS, public health, health care professions, state/local government, educators, citizens groups, community-based service agencies, the Regional AIDSNETs and other interested persons from the public and private sectors. Four members of the Legislature, two from the House and two from the Senate, shall serve as ex-officio members of the Council.

3) Terms of membership shall be three years, with the exception that original members will be appointed for staggered terms in order to assure continuity of the Council: one third shall be appointed for one-year terms, one third shall be appointed for two-year terms, and one third shall

be appointed for three-year terms. Members may be appointed for subsequent terms. If a member resigns before completion of a term, a new member may be appointed to serve out the remainder of that term. Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

4) The Council shall appoint a chair from among the voting members, shall determine its organization and shall adopt any procedural rules. The Council may create sub-committees as needed to address specific issues related to HIV/AIDS. Sub-committees may include non-members.

5) The Department of Health shall provide administrative support to the Council.

This Executive Order is effective immediately.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto  
set my hand and caused the seal of the State  
of Washington to be affixed at Olympia  
this 5th day of March A.D., Nineteen hundred and ninety-one.

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**By:**

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BOOTH GARDNER  
Governor of Washington

**BY THE GOVERNOR:**  
Secretary of State