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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Continuing the Colorado Advisory Council on AIDS

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, I, Bill Ritter, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order continuing the Colorado Advisory Council on AIDS (the "Council").

1. Background and Need

Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome ("AIDS") has infected more than 8,000 Colorado citizens and has claimed the lives of more than 4,600 citizens. Human Immunodeficiency Virus ("HIV"), the virus that causes AIDS, has infected nearly 6,200 additional Coloradans. The AIDS/HIV epidemic will continue to have widespread personal, social, public health, and economic impacts in our State for the foreseeable future.

Addressing these impacts is a shared responsibility among all sectors of the public health and AIDS/HIV communities. Coordination, cooperation, and collaboration among all sectors is essential to mounting an effective response to the AIDS/HIV epidemic. To this end, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has been and will continue to work with the Colorado Advisory Council on AIDS, Coloradans Working Together: Preventing HIV/AIDS, and the Ryan White Part A Advisory Committee to develop a plan to consolidate these three planning groups associated with HIV/AIDS in Colorado. The consolidation plan should be fully implemented during calendar year 2008.

2. Mission

In the performance of its duties, responsibilities and powers, the Council shall:

- A. Serve as an expert resource on AIDS/HIV related matters and provide advice to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment on scientific and policy issues, with particular emphasis on matters of treatment and access to medical care for persons with AIDS/HIV;
- B. Promote collaboration, coordination and cooperation among service and resource providers;
- C. Advise both AIDS/HIV related program funds and recipients to assure efficient, effective and coordinated allocation and utilization of resources for state AIDS programs;

- D. Analyze, review and examine AIDS/HIV issues in order to ensure that state resources and programs are efficient and effective;
- E. Determine meeting times and places necessary for fulfilling its duties;
- F. Develop and maintain policy and procedures for the Council's operation; and
- G. Submit annual reports of its work and specific reports on scientific and policy issues to the Executive Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment.
- H. Cooperate with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment's effort to develop a plan to consolidate the Colorado Advisory Council on AIDS, Coloradans Working Together: Preventing HIV/AIDS, and the Ryan White Part A Advisory Committee.

4. Membership and Organization

There shall be not more than eleven (11) members appointed by the Governor for three-year staggered terms, members shall serve without compensation. All members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Members shall represent the public and private sectors, profit and non-profit sectors, and affected populations.

5. Directives

- A. The Colorado Advisory Council on AIDS is hereby continued.
- B. This Executive Order shall replace and supersede all previous Executive Orders pertaining to the Colorado Advisory Council on AIDS, specifically Executive Orders B 014 95, B 002 00, B 002 03, and B 008 04.

6. Duration

The Council shall continue in existence until December 31, 2008, unless it is either terminated or extended beyond that date by Executive Order of the Governor.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this 18th day
of December, 2007

Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor