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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Creating the Colorado HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention Coalition

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, and in particular, pursuant to Article IV, section 2, of the Colorado Constitution, I, Bill Ritter, Jr., Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order creating the Colorado HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention Coalition.

1. Background and Purpose

The effect of the HIV/AIDS epidemic has been felt in communities throughout the State of Colorado. In Colorado alone, more than 9,300 people have been diagnosed with Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome ("AIDS"), and more than 4,800 have died from AIDS-related causes. Additionally, nearly 6,500 people have been diagnosed with Human Immunodeficiency Virus ("HIV"), the virus that causes AIDS. The HIV/AIDS 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 HIV/AIDS communities. In the past, efforts to combat the HIV/AIDS epidemic have been spread across multiple planning groups: the Colorado Advisory Council on AIDS ("CACOA"); Coloradans Working Together: Preventing HIV/AIDS ("CWT"); and the Ryan White Part B Advisory Committee ("ADAP"). However, in recognition of the importance of having both prevention and care and treatment advisory committees work together, both the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention ("CDC", funder of CWT) and the Health Resources and Services Administration ("HRSA", funder of ADAP) have encouraged states to move toward more integration of these separate programs. As such, Governor Bill Ritter, Jr. signed Executive Order B 013 07, encouraging the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment ("CDPHE") to continue to work with these organizations to develop a plan to consolidate these three planning groups associated with HIV/AIDS in Colorado into a singular Coalition.

In order to best meet the needs of persons in Colorado living with HIV/AIDS, and to meet the directive of Executive Order B 013 07, this Executive Order creates the Colorado HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention Coalition ("Coalition"). The purpose of the

Coalition is to serve as an expert resource providing advice and information to CDPHE on issues, trends, needs, and resources pertaining to HIV/AIDS in the promotion of effective HIV prevention and care programs. The Coalition structure is intended to integrate the aforementioned HIV/AIDS planning groups, and provide a mechanism to coordinate HIV/AIDS related planning processes and services supported by CDPHE. The Coalition will advise CDPHE on both scientific and policy issues, including those related to treatment and access to medical care for persons in Colorado living with HIV/AIDS. The Coalition will replace CACOA, which expired at the end of 2008. Under the Coalition, the HIV Prevention Advisory Committee will manage functions previously managed by CWT, while the HIV Care Advisory Committee will manage those functions previously managed by the ADAP advisory group.

2. Mission

In order to promote effective HIV/AIDS care and prevention programs, the mission of the Coalition is to advise and inform CDPHE on issues, trends, needs, and resources pertaining to HIV/AIDS throughout the State of Colorado.

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

A. Strive to maximize HIV/AIDS prevention and provision of care services through effective planning among service providers and other concerned community members;

B. Strengthen local and statewide coordination in the fight against HIV disease throughout the continuum of care and prevention;

C. Promote collaboration, linkages, and information sharing among statewide HIV/AIDS services providers, public health agencies, community members, persons affected by or infected with HIV, and behavioral and social scientists across the state;

D. Create and monitor a Care and Prevention Comprehensive Plan;

E. Ensure meaningful and diverse community input, participation and involvement in HIV/AIDS related planning activities; and

F. Encourage broad public support and engagement with Coalition activities.

3. Structure

A. CDPHE will coordinate and support the work of the Coalition.

B. The Coalition shall establish committees to collect information and provide feedback to the Coalition. Pursuant to bylaws established by the Coalition, each

committee shall establish rules for participation, membership, voting rights, and procedures for electing a chair. Committee membership need not be limited to Coalition members.

C. Coalition committees shall include the following:

1. HIV Care Advisory Committee

   a. The role of the HIV Care Advisory Committee is to focus on the needs, service gaps and priorities of care services for people living with HIV/AIDS in Colorado.

   b. The HIV Care Advisory Committee shall participate in the development of all HIV care-related documents developed by the Coalition and its Committees, and confirm that those documents adhere to the necessary HRSA guidance and the Ryan White CARE Act.

   c. The HIV Care Advisory Committee shall constitute the advisory group required by C.R.S. 25-4-1411(4), and shall at all times adhere to the requirements set forth in that statute.

2. HIV Prevention Advisory Committee

   a. The role of the HIV Prevention Advisory Committee is to focus on the needs, service gaps, and priorities of prevention services for people at risk for and living with HIV/AIDS in Colorado.

   b. The HIV Prevention Advisory Committee shall participate in the development of all HIV prevention-related documents and confirm that those documents adhere to the necessary CDC guidance.

   c. The HIV Prevention Advisory Committee shall administer the comprehensive HIV prevention program required by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention under its HIV Prevention Projects , and shall at all times adhere to the requirements set forth by the CDC for said project.

3. The Colorado Planning Collaborative Committee

   a. The role of the Colorado Planning Collaborative Committee is to facilitate the development of joint planning documents between all the HIV/AIDS activities supported through the various funding sources; including the Ryan White Care Act.

4. Membership and Organization

   A. The Coalition shall consist of at least 15 total members.

   B. The Governor shall appoint at least 11 members.

   C. The Executive Director of CDPHE ("Director") shall appoint at least four members. One appointment shall be designated as a representative of CDPHE. The remaining three appointments shall be the elected chairs of the HIV Care Advisory Committee, the HIV Prevention Advisory Committee, and the Colorado Planning Collaborative Committee.

   D. At all times, membership must include, but is not limited to, representatives from the following geographic regions the Denver metropolitan area, and from western, northern, and southern Colorado.

   E. Strive to include one third consumer representation (persons infected or affected by HIV/AIDS).

   F. Appointed members shall represent an adequate balance of rural and urban areas. An attempt shall be made to achieve at least one third of the membership from rural communities. Where possible, membership of the Coalition should reflect the population characteristics of the current epidemic in terms of age, race and ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, and HIV risk-exposure category.

   G. Where possible membership on the Coalition should reflect representation from the following areas of expertise:

      1. Colorado's Ryan White Programs or the AIDS Education and Training Center;

      2. HIV/AIDS service providers, including community based service organizations;

      3. Epidemiology, behavioral, or social science;

      4. Public and private health care providers and agencies, including those serving youth and the correctional system;

      5. Mental health or substance abuse prevention providers;

      6. Homeless shelters and housing providers; and

      7. Community leaders.

H. All members shall commit to a three-year term, except that four of the appointments made in 2009 shall expire after one year, with an additional six of the appointments made in 2009 expiring after 2 years. Upon expiration of their term, all appointments have the option of being re-appointed, pending the decision of the Governor or Department of Health's Executive Director, as appropriate, for one additional three-year term. No member shall exceed a term of six consecutive years.

I. All members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

5. Directive

The Colorado HIV/AIDS Care and Prevention Coalition is hereby created.

6. Duration

This Executive Order shall continue in existence until December 31, 2011, 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 9th day of February, 2009, *nunc pro tunc*, the 31st day of December, 2008.

Bill Ritter, Jr.
Governor