EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 77  

Providing for the reorganization of the Human Services Council.

I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, it is vital in state government to provide the best possible service to the people of the State of Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, to achieve this goal requires concerted effort to improve the organization of human services in Minnesota; and

WHEREAS, because there exists a multitude and a complex array of agencies and institutions involved in the delivery of human services; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Council created by Executive Order No. 45 has undertaken studies and other efforts to improve the coordination of Minnesota's human services; and

WHEREAS, this interdepartmental council has determined the need for further consideration of coordination, quantity and quality of the services delivered;

NOW, THEREFORE, I order:

1. The reorganization of the Human Services Council, to be composed of the Governor, who hereby designates the Lieutenant Governor to preside as chairman; the Commissioner of Administration, who may designate his representative; the Director of the State Planning Agency, who may designate his representative; the Commissioner of Welfare; the Commissioner of Corrections; the Director of the State Health Agency; the Commissioner of Employment Services; and the Commissioner of Education, who may designate his representative. The Council will operate pursuant to procedures and policy statements adopted by the Council and distributed to all member agencies.

2. The duties and the responsibilities of the Human Services Council to be as follows:
a. To direct the development of a common approach to human services goals, objectives, and priorities for the State of Minnesota.

b. To foster interdepartmental discussion of human services at the highest levels of state government.

c. To evaluate federal human services policies and regulations and to discuss proposed changes in federal human services policy and their impact on Minnesota.

d. To stimulate interagency research in the assessment of human services needs and standards and to continue the activity duplications study now being carried out by the Council.

e. To form task forces to conduct research, provide expertise and to prepare such reports as may be requested by the Council.

f. To designate staff from Human Services Council member agencies to work with the Council as needed and to distribute the cost of the Council among member agencies.

3. The cooperation of all state departments and agencies with the operation of the Human Services Council.

This order shall be effective on the date of signature and shall supersede Executive Order No. 45.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand on this twenty-second day of February, 1974.

Wendell R. Anderson

Filed According to Law:

Arlen I. Erdahl
Secretary of State