

# STATE OF DELAWARE



## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER  
NUMBER Ninety-Three

TO: HEADS OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

RE: GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL ON MINORITY HEALTH

WHEREAS, the disparity rates of death, illness and disability experienced by racial and ethnic minority populations in comparison to non-minority populations continue to be a growing problem in Delaware; and

WHEREAS, at least seventeen percent of the population of the state of Delaware is minority, compared to the nation's twelve percent minority population; and

WHEREAS, the largest segment of Delaware's minority population, African-Americans, are disproportionately represented in key state indicators of inadequate health; and

WHEREAS, the goal of improving health status among all Delawareans will not be achieved until we make significant inroads in delivering health services, health promotion, risk prevention, early intervention and treatment targeting minority communities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL N. CASTLE, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order the following:

1. The Governor's Council on Minority Health is hereby established. It shall consist of 19 members appointed by the Governor who shall be broadly representative of minority populations throughout the state, with each county represented, and the community at large.

2. The Council shall advise the Secretary of Health and Social Services and the Governor.

3. A Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson shall be appointed by the Governor from among the members and serve at the pleasure of the Governor. Other officers may be elected by the Council from among its members.

4. The terms of the members of the Governor's Council on Minority Health shall be three years. If any member fails to attend four successive meetings of the Council, the position may be deemed vacant and, upon recommendation of the Chairperson, the Governor may appoint a replacement. Any appointment to replace a member whose position becomes vacant prior to the expiration of the term shall be filled for the remainder of the term.

5. The duties and functions of the Council shall include, but not be limited to:

(a) Advising the Secretary of Health and Social Services on means of improving the health status of minority populations in Delaware;

(b) Reviewing and assessing existing health programs and services and health statistics of the minority community;

(c) Assisting with the identification of health-related risk factors and means of increasing access to and utilization of health services for the minority community;

(d) Assisting the State with the promotion of minority health issues within minority communities, working with community agencies and residents and encouraging the minority community's involvement in health issues;

(e) Advocating means to improve health status in the minority community, and to assist the Department of Health and Social Services in allocating funds effectively in order to have an impact on minority communities;

(f) Monitoring and participating in State efforts and programs as they relate to health education, disease prevention and risk reduction targeting at-risk minority populations;

(g) Coordinating its efforts with other advisory councils, community agencies and health planning, policy and program groups which impact the minority community.

6. The Council shall publish periodic reports, including an annual report, on issues affecting minority health, and shall issue other reports or provide assistance as the Secretary of Health and Social Services or the Governor shall from time to time require or request.

7. The Council shall be staffed by the Minority Health Coordinator of the Division of Public Health; other staff assistance and support shall be provided by the Department of Health and Social Services, as appropriate.

APPROVED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of  
May, 1991.

Michael A. Castle  
Governor

ATTEST:

[Signature]  
Secretary of State

