

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DOVER

EXECUTIVE ORDER NUMBER SIXTY-FOUR

TO: Heads of All State Departments and Agencies

RE: Division of State Service Centers

WHEREAS, the Department of Health and Social Services, through its many divisions, provides the public with numerous health and other services; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable that, as much as possible, the delivery of these services be consolidated at a small number central and satellite locations for the sake of efficiency and convenience throughout the State; and

WHEREAS, one division should be responsible for the coordination and consolidation of Departmental services so as to achieve maximum utilization of facilities and personnel and to develop a comprehensive approach toward treatment and servicing of citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RUSSELL W. PETERSON, with the concurrence of the Secretary of Health and Social Services, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare and order as follows:

- Effective September 1, 1972, a Division of State Service Centers is hereby established pursuant to Title 29, <u>Delaware Code</u>, §7903 (g) having the powers, duties and functions as follows:
 - (a) The Division of State Service Centers shall be responsible for the operation of such major service centers and satellite service centers throughout the State as the General Assembly from time to time may provide for.
 - (b) The Division of State Service Centers shall coordinate planning and programs of various Divisions within the Department of Health and Social Services and other agencies as assigned by the Secretary of Health and Social Services.

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- (c) The Division of State Service Centers shall report from time to time to the Secretary of Health and Social Services concerning the effectiveness of delivery of services by the major and satellite service centers.
- 2. Effective September 1, 1972, a Council on State Service Centers is hereby established. It shall serve in an advisory capacity to the Director of the Division of State Service Centers and shall consider matters relating to the operation of State Service Centers and other such matters as may be referred to it by the Governor, the Secretary of Health and Social Services, or the Director of the Division of State Service Centers. The Council may study, research, plan and advise the Director, the Secretary, and the Governor on any matter it deems appropriate.
 - (a) The Council on State Service Centers shall be composed of seven (7) members who shall be appointed for three (3) year terms by the Governor. At least three (3) but no more than four (4) members of the Council shall be affiliated with one of the major political parties, and at least two (2) but no more than three (3) of the members shall be affiliated with other major political parties. Provided, however, that there shall be no more than a bare majority of representation of one major political party over the other major political party. Any person who declines to announce his political affiliation shall also be eligible for appointment as a member of the Council.
 - (b) A chairman of the Council shall be chosen by the members of the Council from among its members and shall serve in that capacity for a term of one (1) year and shall be eligible for reelection.
 - (c) Any replacement appointment to the Council to fill a vacancy prior to the expiration of a term shall be filled for the remainder of that term.

APPROVED This / Lay of September, 1972

Quesell W. Peterson

ATTEST:

Walten H Simpsur Secretary of State

Secretary of Health & Social Services