



# State of New Mexico

## Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson  
Governor

### EXECUTIVE ORDER 2006-014

#### ESTABLISHMENT OF GOVERNOR'S WOMEN'S HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

**WHEREAS**, Senate Joint Memorial 30 was unanimously passed in 2005 requesting that the New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women create a task force to study the delivery of health care services for Women and the need for the establishment of an Office of Women's Health for New Mexico;

**WHEREAS**, a task force was established and made up of representatives from the Commission on the Status of Women, Department of Health, Health Policy Commission, Children, Youth and Families Department, Human Services Department, Department of Indian Affairs, the Department of Veteran's Affairs, Women's Health Services, human services advocacy groups, and other appropriate advocacy groups;

**WHEREAS**, the task force convened a statewide Woman's Health Summit, five public meetings, and statewide focus groups to involve designated taskforce members and to gain grassroots advocates input into the process, content, and identification of issues around women's health care delivery and services, and whether there is a need for a Office of Women's Health;

**WHEREAS**, the overall conclusion of task force meetings and focus groups was that there are opportunities to improve the current health care service delivery model for women; and

**WHEREAS**, in order to address women's health care needs, develop meaningful and effective health care policies, and provide direction for adequate health care service delivery, there is a need for greater emphasis on issues affecting women's health across all state agencies but particularly by the Department of Health.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I Bill Richardson, Governor of the State of New Mexico, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of New Mexico do hereby direct:

The establishment of a 15-member Governor's Women's Health Advisory Council, which shall be attached to the Department of Health.

- a. The Governor shall appoint the members of the Council, which shall be composed of a representative from the Commission on the Status of Women; Department of Health; Health Policy Commission; Children, Youth and Families Department; Human Services Department; Department of Indian Affairs; Office of Veteran Services; Office of African Affairs; a provider of women's health services; two representatives from rural counties, and four additional advocacy, community or consumer members; and
- b. The Governor shall appoint the Chairperson of the Advisory Council;
- c. The members shall serve on a volunteer basis;
- d. The Council shall meet at a minimum of four times per year;
- e. The Council members shall serve for two-year terms; and
- f. For purposes of conducting business, a majority of the membership shall constitute a quorum.

**I FURTHER DIRECT** that the Council collaborate with Department of Health and any other relevant state agencies to evaluate the need for a women's health referral service, the creation of a clearinghouse for education and information on women's health, to clarify how an Office of Women's Health will not duplicate existing government programs and efforts, and advise the Governor's Office via a report on women's health policy due no later than December 1, 2006, including recommended performance measures and outcomes specific to women's health with subsequent annual reports due each December 1st; and

**I FURTHER DIRECT** that to support the activities of the Council the Department of Health shall provide staff support and other resources that may be necessary to assist in the programmatic outcomes of the Council.

**THIS ORDER** supersedes any other previous orders, proclamations, or directives in conflict. This Executive Order shall take effect immediately and shall remain in effect until such time as it is rescinded by the Governor.

ATTEST:



**REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON**  
**SECRETARY OF STATE**

**DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE THIS**  
**27<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF MARCH, 2006**

**WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL**  
**OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO**



**BILL RICHARDSON**  
**GOVERNOR OF NEW MEXICO**

