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**OFFICE OF THE MAYOR**

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 22—NOVEMBER 27, 1974**

**Establishment of the Inter-Agency Health Council**

Whereas, It is in the best interest of the people of The City of New York that health care policy and the delivery of health services be closely coordinated among the various departments and agencies providing those services; and

Whereas, There exists the historical precedent of the Interdepartmental Health Council which was established to coordinate health services and functioned from 1952 to 1967.

Now, therefore, by the power vested in me as Mayor of The City of New York, it is hereby ordered that:

**Section 1. Creation**—There is established the Inter-Agency Health Council for The City of New York.

**§ 2. Functions, Powers and Duties**—The general purpose of the Inter-Agency Health Council is to provide maximum coordination of health services for the people of this City, and without limiting the foregoing, it is empowered and directed to:

- a. formulate city policy for the delivery of health-related services requiring inter-agency coordination.
- b. develop inter-agency approaches to specific issues.
- c. contribute to the resolution of problems caused by overlapping jurisdictions.
- d. stimulate the evaluation of inter-agency coordinated programs and activities in light of emerging needs and priorities.
- e. exchange information and foster staff cooperation among the agencies represented in the Inter-Agency Health Council.
- f. seek funding from outside sources to assist in any of the above.

**§ 3. Members**—Members of the Inter-Agency Health Council shall be the First Deputy Mayor, the Commissioner of Health, the Commissioner of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services, the Commissioner of the Addiction Services Agency, the Commissioner of Social Services and the Director of the Comprehensive Health Planning Agency, all of whom shall serve ex-officio. The Health and Hospitals Corporation is requested to participate by designating its President as a member. The members of the Council shall have the power to exercise or delegate any of the functions, powers and duties vested in them by this Order.

**§ 4. Chairman**—The Commissioner of Health shall be the Chairman of the Inter-Agency Health Council for the first full calendar year. The chairmanship will thereafter rotate among the membership in accordance with rules the Council adopts.

**§ 5. Committees**—The Inter-Agency Health Council may create such committees as it shall deem appropriate. The Chairman shall appoint members of committees and committee chairmen who need not be members of the Inter-Agency Health Council, subject to the approval of the members of such Council. The chairman may select from the member departments and agencies, such personnel as may be necessary to staff the committees, with the consent of the respective heads of such departments and agencies.

**§ 6. Represented Departments and Agencies**—None of the foregoing powers and procedures of the Inter-Agency Health Council shall be construed to limit the autonomous authority and jurisdiction that each of the departments and agencies represented on the Council possesses as an independent operational and administrative entity.

**§ 7. Effective Date**—This Order shall take effect immediately.

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ABRAHAM D. BEAME, Mayor.

*Revoked by Executive Order #51 (1980)*