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EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 78
FEBRUARY 11, 1977

ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF HUMAN SERVICE PLANNING

Whereas, The City of New York, especially in a time of fiscal austerity, must make every effort to improve the quality and delivery of human services; and,

Whereas, The City recognizes the need to maximize the use of existing resources; and,

Whereas, The City views as necessary and desirable the presence of a mechanism to formulate long range plans and the need to provide an instrument for receiving recommendations from the people of New York in our effort to establish priorities in human services;

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

Section 1. There shall be established an Office of Human Services Planning (OHSP) in the Office of the Mayor which shall seek to minimize the impact on human services of budget cuts necessitated by the fiscal crisis.

§ 2. OHSP shall have the following powers, duties and responsibilities:

a. Recommend goals and plans to improve the quality and delivery of human services.

b. Maintain a broad overview of governmental and voluntary agency functions and make proposals to coordinate, restructure or reorganize their operations.

c. Coordinate the exchange of ideas and suggestions between agencies to expand communication on matters of human service delivery.

d. Make recommendations for funding priorities.

§ 3. This order shall take effect immediately.

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ABRAHAM D. BEAME, Mayor.