EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 18-30

CONTINUING OREGON COMMISSION ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER

Oregon, like many states across the nation, has experienced a rapid increase in the number of individuals diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Both public and private systems have had difficulty meeting the demand for services to ensure that people experiencing autism receive the support they need to maximize their potential. There is continued need in Oregon for accurate, up-to-date information for families and professionals regarding early interventions, services, supports, and expected outcomes.

In 2009, Executive Order 09-07 established the Oregon Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder ("Commission") and charged it with creating a ten-year strategic plan on ASD, to address these issues. In 2011, Executive Order 11-05 renewed the Commission's authority, so it could implement the strategic plan. There have been several notable achievements in the ensuing years, including the creation of an ASD specialization credential offered by the Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (TSPC), which has been used statewide by early childhood and school programs to assess and improve their use of evidence-based practices. Additionally, the criteria for identifying ASD in schools have been reformed to closely align with current research and medical models, improving accurate identification and reducing costs.

It is imperative that the Commission continue its work for the benefit of all Oregonians. There exists an ongoing need to implement the existing strategic plan and develop a new three-year strategic plan, while assisting agencies and communities as they incorporate lessons learned through the Commission's work.

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

1. The Oregon Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder shall continue its work as modified by this Executive Order.

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2. The purpose of the Commission shall be to:

   a. Develop and monitor implementation of both its existing strategic plan and the new three-year strategic plan mentioned below, incorporating biennial benchmarks for the state of Oregon to address the growing number of individuals with autism who require services from one or more programs or agencies;

   b. Provide leadership and serve as a forum to establish priorities, create performance measures, facilitate collaboration, ensure support, and monitor outcomes;

   c. Engage key stakeholders to develop, promote, and implement state plan goals and expected outcomes, and continue expanding and strengthening state and community partnerships among systems serving individuals with ASD;

   d, Develop recommendations to the Governor for how agencies in the long-term would better integrate capacities of agencies and communities to support individuals with ASD and their families.

   e. Advise the Governor and agency directors on plan implementations that require executive or agency approval and do not require legislative action;

   f. Provide regular updates regarding the status of plan goals and outcomes to the Governor's Office; and

   g. If legislative action is needed, develop legislative concepts in anticipation of the next legislative session.

3. The commission shall submit a new three-year strategic plan for 2019-2022 to the Governor no later than October 30, 2019. The strategic plan shall:

   a. Propose goals and outcomes that respond to the emerging issues for individuals with ASD;

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b. Clarify the array and structure of necessary services and support that enable persons with ASD to function to their individual potentials;

c. Make recommendations to increase coordination and collaboration of services while identifying other policies, capacity, and strategies to support the ASD community (including interagency agreements and braiding of funding);

d. Define strategies for accessing and promoting ASD best practice standards and research;

e. Estimate and make recommendations regarding funding necessary for services, support, and coordination as described in the strategic plan;

f. Incorporate biennial benchmarks for improving service and support to individuals with ASD; and

g. Recommend legislation necessary for implementation of the strategic plan.

4. The Commission shall consist of up to 17 members, who are knowledgeable about ASD and/or about systems that serve people with ASD. Members can serve for up to two terms; each term is two years long. Agency representatives do not have term limits and may assign an alternative representative from their agency to attend meetings. All members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority. The Commission shall include:

a. Two members, appointed by the Governor, each of which is either a parent of an individual with ASD or an individual with autism;

b. One member who represents autism or disability advocacy organizations, appointed by the Governor;

c. Two members who represent health care providers who are licensed to provide services to individuals with ASD, appointed by the Governor;

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d. One member who represents the medical community in Oregon, appointed by the Governor;

e. One member who represents the mental health community, appointed by the Governor;

f. One member who represents healthcare insurance, appointed by the Governor;

g. One member who represents higher education, appointed by the Governor;

h. One member representing a local education entity, appointed by the Governor;

i. One member who represents the Oregon Health Authority, recommended by the Director of the Authority and appointed by the Governor;

j. One member who represents the Department of Human Services, recommended by the Director of the Department and appointed by the Governor;

k. One member who represents the Department of Education, recommended by the Director of the Department and appointed by the Governor;

l. One member from the Oregon House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

m. One member from the Oregon Senate, appointed by the Senate President; and

n. Two members at large, representing the public or providing expertise helpful to the Commission appointed by the Governor; may include someone to represent housing, early learning, first responders, or justice.

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5. All existing appointments to the Commission shall continue until the end date of the members' current terms; current members shall continue on their staggered terms. Any subsequent reappointments shall be for two-year terms.

6. The Governor shall appoint a Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission from the membership. The Chair shall establish an agenda for the Commission and provide leadership and direction. The Commission shall meet at least quarterly at the direction of the Chair or the Governor.

7. The Commission may create subcommittees, as it deems necessary to carry out its scope and mission.

8. The Director of the Department of Human Services, the Director of the Oregon Health Authority, and the Director of the Department of Education shall provide staff and support necessary to facilitate the activities of the Commission and its subcommittees, subject to availability of funds.

9. The Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities may accept, on behalf of the Commission, contributions of moneys and assistance from the United States government or its agencies, or from any other source, public or private as allowed by state and federal law.

10. After submission of its three-year strategic plan to the Governor, the Commission shall submit a report to the Governor and to the appropriate legislative committee. The report shall include but not be limited to:

    a. An update on implementation and outcome priorities identified in the three-year strategic plan and a summary of stakeholder engagement;

    b. Recommendations for any legislation necessary for implementation of the goals; and

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c. Recommendations to agencies concerning policies or procedures to improve services that benefit people with ASD, or that improve coordination among state agencies providing services that benefit people with ASD.

11. Executive Order No. 11-05, issued on June 24, 2011, is declared concluded and rescinded.

12. This order expires on December 31, 2023.

Done at Salem, Oregon, this 29th day of November, 2018.

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ATTEST:

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