

## Governor's Executive Order

On June 24, 2011 Oregon's Governor Kitzhaber signed Executive Order 11-05 which continues the Oregon Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder.

### Highlights of EXECUTIVE ORDER 11-05 CONTINUING OREGON COMMISSION ON AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDER:

Oregon, like many states across the nation, has experienced a rapid increase in the number of individuals being diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) and both the public and private systems have had difficulty responding. Services are often fragmented and inconsistent around the state. Oregon is not taking full advantage of the wealth of knowledge, best practices and skill currently available in the state and elsewhere. Oregon lacks a means to provide accurate, up-to-date information to families and professionals regarding interventions, services, supports and expected outcomes. There is currently no consistent approach to increasing the capacity of agencies and communities to support individuals with ASD.

The rapid increase in the numbers of individuals being identified with ASD, the complexity and diversity of their needs, limited resources, and the consequent pressure on families, communities, existing education and social service systems, requires a more thoughtful, coordinated approach to funding, service development and delivery. Executive Order 09-07 established the Oregon Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder and charged it with creating a 10 Year Strategic Plan on Autism Spectrum Disorder to address the issues confronting Oregon. This Plan was submitted to the Governor in December 2010. Executive Order 09-07 provides that the Oregon Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder expires on July 1, 2011.

There exists an ongoing need to guide the implementation of the 10 Year Strategic Plan on Autism Spectrum Disorder. Therefore, this Order continues the Oregon Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder to implement the 10 Year Strategic Plan.

### NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY DIRECTED AND ORDERED:

The Oregon Commission on Autism Spectrum Disorder ("Commission") previously established in Executive Order 09-07 shall continue its work as

modified by this Executive Order.

The purpose of the Commission shall be to:

**Guide implementation of the 10 Year Strategic Plan and identify biennial goals for the state of Oregon by providing leadership establishing priorities, creating key performance measures, facilitating collaboration, ensuring support and monitoring outcomes;**

- Expand and strengthen formal and informal partnerships among systems serving individuals with ASD, including any ASD related expert panels;
- Identify and incorporate any needed revisions to the 10 Year Strategic Plan to address gaps, barriers, and solutions for individuals with ASD;
- Convene, facilitate, and lead key stakeholders in developing, promoting, and implementing recommendations from the 10 Year Strategic Plan; and
- Provide regular updates on the status of plan implementation and outcomes to the Governor, Legislative Assembly, and the public.

The Commission shall consist of 15 members, who are knowledgeable about Autism Spectrum Disorder or about systems that serve people with Autism Spectrum Disorder or both.

The Commission may create as many subcommittees as it deems necessary to carry out the scope and mission of the Commission. Each subcommittee shall include a Commission member and may be composed of members outside of the Commission. Subcommittees should strive for geographic diversity in membership.

The Commission shall meet at least quarterly and more often as the Commission determines is necessary and as funding allows.

The Commission shall submit a report to the Governor and the appropriate Legislative Committee each year, no later than the fall prior to the annual legislative session.

The Commission shall continue its work as set forth in this Executive

Order until the Executive Order is revoked.

Signed by Governor John A. Kitzhaber, M.D.  
Salem, Oregon on June 24, 2011