

**SENATE FISCAL AGENCY
 MEMORANDUM**

DATE: December 4, 2017
TO: Members of the Michigan Senate
FROM: Ellyn Ackerman, Fiscal Analyst
RE: Executive Order 2017-10

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On November 20, 2017, Governor Snyder issued Executive Order (E.O.) 2017-10, which created the Public Health Advisory Council within the Department of Health and Human Services. The creation of this council was recommended by the Public Health Advisory Commission in its April 2017 report identifying potential improvements to Michigan's public health delivery system. The purpose of the Public Health Advisory Council is trifold:

- 1) Provide advice on implementing the recommendations made by the Public Health Advisory Commission.
- 2) Serve as a forum to address emerging State and local public health threats.
- 3) Provide State officials and public health stakeholders with the opportunity to work together on public health responses.

Executive Order 2017-10 went into effect upon filing.

Composition of the Council

The Public Health Advisory Council must be composed of 26 members with the Department of Health and Human Services Chief Medical Executive serving as the chairperson. The remaining seats must be filled by 20 voting members appointed by the Governor, and five nonvoting members consisting of the Directors of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development, the Department of Environmental Quality, the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, and the Department of State Police, or their designees.

Council members appointed by the Governor will serve at the pleasure of the Governor and will serve four-year staggered terms. The 20 members appointed by the Governor must include at least one member representing each of the following categories:

- A physician
- A registered nurse
- A licensed pharmacist
- A veterinarian
- A representative of a nationally-accredited medical school
- A representative of a school of public health from an institution of higher education in the State
- A local public health official
- A person with experience in hospital administration

- A local director of public works
- An epidemiologist
- A toxicologist
- A food safety expert
- An expert in environmental health
- A representative of a nonprofit health or environmental organization

Responsibilities of the Council

The Executive Order requires the Public Health Advisory Council to provide the Governor and the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services with advice about emerging public health issues or other public health matters; develop and propose an action plan to implement the recommendations made by the Public Health Advisory Commission in its April 2017 report; monitor the effectiveness of Michigan's public health response system; and review multiagency efforts supporting a One-Health approach to reduce duplication of effort and create a unified communications strategy to address public health concerns. The Council must meet at least twice per year and may establish workgroups or committees, as well as hold public hearings, in order to perform its duties.

Additionally, the Council must release an annual report to the Governor detailing its efforts to perform the responsibilities detailed above and making further recommendations to improve the State's public health delivery system.

Fiscal Impact

The E.O. will have no fiscal impact on the State or local units of government. Support for the Public Health Advisory Council will consist of mileage reimbursement for members, and some staff time for administration and record-keeping. However, these costs will be paid for out of existing departmental resources, subject to approval of the Director of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Summary

Executive Order 2017-10 created the Public Health Advisory Council within the Department of Health and Human Services to address public health threats and develop a plan to implement recommendations to improve Michigan's public health delivery system. Executive Order 2017-10 took effect on November 20, 2017.

If you have any questions on E.O. 2017-10, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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