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Members of the Virginia General Assembly

SUBJECT:

Report for the Commission on Human Resources

Priorities

Pursuant to Senate Joint Resolution No. 122 of the 1974 General Assembly and Senate Joint Resolution No. SS of the 1975 General Assembly, the attached interin report of the Virginia Commission on Human Resources Priorities is submitted. The Commission acknowledges that the above stated resolutions require the final report to be made to the Governor and the General Assembly by November 15, 1976.

The Commission is diligently undertaking this important task. Hopefully, recommendations concerning the establishment of human resource pricrities in Virginia will be of value to the officials of the State and the citizenry at large in appropriate and adequate use of Virginia's resources in meeting the needs of its citizens.

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Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr. appointed the following persons to serve on the Commission on Human Resources Priorities:

Herbert C. Moseley, Chairman
Leslie A. Ballard - Richlands, Virginia
Mrs. John C. Doud - Alexandria, Virginia
Harvey N. Johnson, Jr. - Portsmouth, Virginia
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Background

The Commission initiated its work on August 1, 1975. A small selective staff has been employed and an office established at 910 Capitol Street, Richmond, Virginia.

Initial meetings of the Commission were held for the purpose of reviewing the organizational structure of human resource programs in Virginia. Background information was provided the Commission concerning the types of local, State and federal human resource programs already in operation.

On October 31, 1975, the Commission met with U.S. Senator Harry F. Byrd, Jr., a ranking member of the Senate Finance Committee. This Committee deals with the major areas of social and health care services for the United States Senate. In addition, the Commission received a briefing from officials of the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare concerning the direction, philosophy and responsibility of the federal government in meeting human service needs for American citizens.

The Commission Plan of Action

While the Commission is not in a position, at the present time, to make recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly and citizens of the Commonwealth, it is expected that recommendations can be made to the Governor with the final report on November 15, 1976.

The Commission is undertaking the following studies that are necessary prior to recommendations of priorities being established:

- A research of the policy decisions, concepts and commitments that have been made by the Governor, members of the Cabinet, members of the General Assembly and leading members of the private sector in the field of human resources in Virginia.
- 2. An evaluation and research of the studies and reports that have been accomplished by lesislative and executive study committees and commission within the last five years.
- A review of the major areas of concern as set forth by the several State agencies involved in delivering human services.
- A review of the plans, the plans of action and other submissions from the several State agencies to the federal government.
- A review of the various plans, plans of action and other submissions from local units of government to State units of government.

6. A review of other internal and external planning documents, positions and policies that have been developed by various components of State government.

The Views of the Citizens of the Commission

The Commission will hold a series of public meetings from time-to-time in order to ascertain the views of the citizens, the taxpayer, the deliverer of services and the consumer of services. These hearings will be established in such a manner as to allow the Commission to receive to the fullest extent possible the views of the public in establishing the priorities for the use of human resources in Virginia.

The Commission views the public input as an important and valuable asset in making appropriate and effective recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly.

Long-range Planning

The Commission acknowledges that the establishment of priorities in the use of human resources in Virginia is one of several major long-range planning undertakings within the Commonwealth. Consequently, significant effort must be given to coordinating this important planning phase with the several other major planning efforts underway, i.e., land use planning, growth policy planning, public education and training planning and industrial and environmental planning. The Commission is committed to a coordinated effort.