

AN ACT

To create the Truk State Health Services Advisory Board, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Truk State.

Section 1. Creation of Board. There is hereby created a Truk State Health Services Advisory Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board.

Section 2. Purpose. The purpose of this act is to provide for a means to achieve greater participation of the people of Truk State in the planning, delivery and evaluation of health care services to facilitate cooperation between providers and consumers of health care services, and to promote the advancement of the health of the people of Truk State.

Section 3. Membership. The Board shall consist of eight members as follows:

- (1) The Chairman of the Legislature Committee on Health, Education and Welfare;
- (2) A Representative from Faichuk Islands;
- (3) A Representative from the Hall Islands, Namunwitto Islands and the Western Islands;
- (4) A Representative from Namoneas Islands;
- (5) A Representative from the Mortlocks Islands; and
- (6) Three (3) duly appointed members of the Micronesian Health Coordinating Council representing Truk State.

Section 4. Tenure of Board Members. Members of the Board shall serve by virtue of their positions as designated in Section 3 of this act; provided that the members under Subsection (2) through (5) of Section 3, shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislature or an appropriate committee thereof and shall serve for three (3) years, subject to the removal or reappointment by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Legislature or an appropriate committee thereof.

Section 5. Compensation and Expenses. Members of the Board who are officials and employees of the State Government shall be entitled to administrative leave while on the business of the Board. Members of the Board who do not receive regular salaries from the State Government while on the business of the Board shall receive twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per day while on such business. Members may receive reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties to the extent funds are made available.

Section 6. Organization and Meeting. The Board shall hold its first meeting within thirty days of the effective date of this Act. At the first meeting the Board shall elect from among its members a chairman who shall serve for a period of one year. No member who has been elected chairman shall again be eligible to be elected chairman until one full term has intervened. Board meetings shall be held at least once every two-months and at such other times as may be designated by the chairman. A quorum of the Board shall consist of five members. The Board may establish by-laws as it deems necessary and consistent with this act.

Section 7. Duties and Functions. The Board shall have the following powers and responsibilities:

(1) To review plans, programs, projects and policies of the State Department of Health Services and to recommend changes or alternatives consistent with the purpose of this act;

(2) To review budgets and budget requests and proposals for State Department of Health Services, including all pertaining to United States Congress grant funds, the Congress of the Federated States of Micronesia and Legislature, to recommend changes or alternatives consistent with the purposes of this act;

(3) To promote greater understanding and cooperation between providers and consumers of health care services, and to promote public health education to accomplish the same;


(4) To conduct public hearings and serve as a liaison between the State Department of Health Services and concerned persons and organizations;

(5) To submit findings and recommendations to the Governor, Legislature and State Department of Health Services, including evaluation of health care services, upon its own initiative or upon request; and

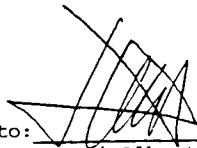
(6) To perform such other functions consistent with the purpose of this act.


Section 8. Support. The officers and employees of the State Department of Health Services shall cooperate with the Board by furnishing such information as may be requested by the Board in connection with its powers and responsibilities.

Section 9. Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon approval by the Governor, or upon its becoming law without such approval.

Signed by: 
Tadashi C. Wainit, Speaker
Truk Legislature

Date: July 8, 1980

Attested to: 
Datas Albert
Legislative Chief Clerk
Truk Legislature

Approved by: 
Erhart Aten, Governor
Truk State Government

Date: July 21, 1980