I. **STATE HEALTH PLAN ADVISORY GROUP**

**Overview:** Section one presents the members of the State Health Plan Advisory Group (SHAG) and the meeting facilitator, discusses 2000 meetings and actions, and recognizes retiring SHAG members.
The State Health Plan Advisory Group (SHAG), formerly known as the Issue Selection Group, assisted in the identification and selection of issues for inclusion in the State Health Plan. The Group identified nine strategic health issues now contained in the Plan. The SHAG later reconvened to further shape the State Health Plan by ranking recommended policies by value and urgency. The SHAG then identified Lead Agencies responsible for developing and implementing individual work plans for each of the policies, assuring that the most urgent issues are being addressed. In addition, the Group will assist in the establishment of partnerships throughout the state to promote the State Health Plan as a shared responsibility of all interested parties, including the private sector. Finally, they will have a key role in evaluating the effectiveness of the policy recommendations in improving the state health care system and the health status of West Virginia residents. A listing of SHAG members is presented below. Note that professional titles are reflected as of December 31, 2000.

The work of SHAG is facilitated by Dr. Neil S. Bucklew, Professor and Past President, West Virginia University. As the State Health Plan Advisory Group meeting facilitator, Dr. Bucklew skillfully manages meetings and performs related duties that greatly improve the State Health Plan process. In his role as facilitator, Dr. Bucklew assists the State Health Plan Advisory Group to make continuous progress in often complex health care issues, facilitates issues of discussion as a neutral party, collaborates with Health Care Authority staff to develop strategies ensuring success, provides external party review and comment on State Health Plan-related documents, and represents an important thread of continuity in the State Health Plan process.

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Meeting Dates and Actions

2000 Overview

In 2000, the focus was implementing the State Health Plan. Upon receiving formal approval of the Plan in January, the development of a framework for implementation was initiated. SHAG meetings were held on April 5 and November 3 to accomplish the framework. These two meetings are described in more detail below. Additionally, minutes for these meetings may be found at the WVHCA website (http://www.hcawv.org).

January 5, 2000

Chief executive approval of the 2000-2002 State Health Plan occurred. The new Plan replaced all prior State Health Plans with the exception of the certificate of need standards which will be reviewed and revised during the following two years.

April 5, 2000

A SHAG meeting was held to focus on beginning State Health Plan implementation activities. Topics of discussion included:

- Review of State Health Plan activities to date
- General discussion of the State Health Plan Implementation Plan
- Review of SHAG member roles and responsibilities
- Review of the State Health Plan Implementation Outline and worksheet materials to be used by Lead Agencies
- Discussion of preliminary Lead Agency assignments
- Review of the State Health Plan Timetable of Events

Document revisions were made after the meeting using the suggestions of the Group.
November 3, 2000

A SHAG meeting was held to focus on a review of the State Health Plan implementation work plans developed by the Lead Agencies. Topics of discussion included:

- Review of the State Health Plan process to date

- General discussion of a Critical Issues Summary highlighting
  New Initiatives
  Major New Resources
  Policy Issues Raised

- Review of Lead Agency reporting requirements

- Discussion of the upcoming State Health Plan Annual Report

- Discussion of a prospective Lead Agency Summit

Document revisions were made after the meeting using the suggestions of the Group.
Recognition of Retiring SHAG Members

The Health Care Authority would like to recognize the following SHAG members whose membership is expiring this year. Their efforts as SHAG members are greatly appreciated. Each of these members has made unique and important contributions to the 2000-2002 State Health Plan.

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