

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 86-7

**PROVIDING FOR A CLIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING OR SEEKING
SERVICES UNDER THE REHABILITATION ACT AND
ASSIGNING RESPONSIBILITIES TO THE
LEGAL AID SOCIETY OF MINNEAPOLIS, INC.**

I, RUDY PERPICH, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

WHEREAS, Section 112 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Public Law 93-112), as amended by Public Law 98-221, provides for allotments to states for the purposes of:

1. Ensuring support and assistance to clients and client applicants to secure the benefits and services available to them under the Rehabilitation Act; and
2. When requested by clients and client applicants, assisting them in their relationships with projects, programs, and facilities providing services to them under the Rehabilitation Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 112 of the Rehabilitation Act specifies that the designated agency is independent of any agency which provides treatment, services, or rehabilitation to individuals under the Rehabilitation Act; and

WHEREAS, the designated agency has the authority to pursue legal, administrative and other appropriate remedies to ensure the protection of rights of individuals with disabilities who are receiving treatments, services, or rehabilitation under the Act within the state, including the authority to pursue remedies against the state vocational rehabilitation agency and other appropriate state agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

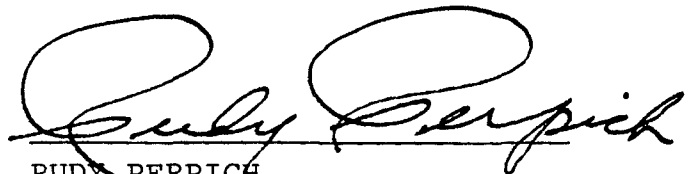
1. The Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, Inc. be designated the Client Assistance Program.
2. The Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, Inc. shall appoint an advisory committee for the Client Assistance Program. The committee shall have at least nine members, at least one-half of whom will be consumers. The committee shall meet at least quarterly.
3. The Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, Inc. shall submit to the Governor, State Planning Agency, and the Department of Jobs and Training, an annual plan and an annual report that contains information as specified in federal regulations governing this program. The plan shall be submitted 30 days prior to the beginning of the federal fiscal year and the annual report shall be submitted 30 days after the close of the federal fiscal year.
4. The Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, Inc. will implement procedures designed to ensure that, to the maximum extent possible, mediation procedures are used prior to resorting to administrative or legal remedies.
5. The Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, Inc. shall follow all applicable laws and rules of the State of Minnesota including the Data Practices Act.

FURTHER, the State of Minnesota assures that:

1. Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, Inc. will be afforded reasonable access to policy making and administrative personnel in the state and local rehabilitation programs, projects, or facilities.
2. All clients and client applicants under the Rehabilitation Act will be advised of the existence of the client assistance program, the services provided by the program, and how to contact the program.
3. Legal Aid Society of Minneapolis, Inc. will not bring any class action in carrying out its responsibilities under the Client Assistance Program.


Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 4.035, this Order shall be effective fifteen (15) days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, Section 4.035, Subdivision 3.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have set my hand this fourth day of August, 1986.



RUDY PERPICH
Governor

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JOAN ANDERSON GROWE
Secretary of State