



Spencer J. Cox

Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER

2023-01

Creating a Time-Limited Task Force on State Agency Collaboration and Data Sharing

WHEREAS, Utah is ranked among the highest in the nation for economic strength, growth, employment, fiscal stability, health care, and education;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding these achievements, Utah's residents face significant challenges, examples of which include affordable housing, mental and physical health, high suicide rates among adolescents and teens, increasing rates of early death in adults 65-74, inflation, and environmental challenges including air quality and water supply;

WHEREAS, addressing these and other challenges while maintaining Utah's high quality of life requires a collaborative, flexible, efficient, and citizen-centered state government that is responsive to the needs of Utahns;

WHEREAS, the state of Utah establishes its collaborative, flexible, efficient, and citizen-centered state government through the delegation of many of these responsibilities to its state governmental agencies that are overseen by the governor;

WHEREAS, this delegation of responsibilities allows expertise of individual state agencies to provide high-quality services to the public;

WHEREAS, opportunities exist to strengthen collaboration across state agencies through the sharing of resources, research, evaluation, information, and data among agencies;

WHEREAS, strengthening collaboration and expanding information and data sharing among state agencies will enable state government to better address challenges facing Utahns and provide Utahns the best services possible;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Spencer J. Cox, governor of the state of Utah, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of this state, do hereby order the following:

1. **Purpose of Order.** The purpose of this order is to strengthen state agency collaboration and expand information and data sharing across state agencies to better address challenges facing Utahns and provide Utahns the best services possible.
2. **Creation of Task Force on State Agency Collaboration and Data Sharing.**
 - a. This order establishes a Task Force on State Agency Collaboration and Data Sharing ("Task Force").
 - b. The Task Force consists of the following members:
 - i. the executive director of the Department of Health and Human Services, who shall serve as the chair of the Task Force;

- ii. the executive director of the Governor's Office of Planning and Budget;
 - iii. the executive director of the Utah Department of Workforce Services;
 - iv. the executive director of the Department of Corrections;
 - v. the executive director of the Department of Public Safety;
 - vi. the executive director of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice;
 - vii. the executive director of the Utah Department of Government Operations;
 - viii. the chief information officer for the state of Utah;
 - ix. the Government Operations Privacy Officer; and
 - x. the State Homeless Services Coordinator.
- c. The Task Force shall create an action plan ("Action Plan") to accomplish the purpose identified in Paragraph 1 above.
- d. The Task Force shall deliver the Action Plan to the governor by Aug. 30, 2023.
- e. The Task Force may:
- i. consult with other state agencies or state employees whose expertise will assist the Task Force in its work; and
 - ii. seek legal counsel from the Attorney General's Office.

3. Contents of Action Plan.

- a. The Action Plan created by the Task Force shall include the following:
- i. Specific objectives that state government can accomplish through strengthened state agency collaboration and expanded sharing of information and data across state agencies;
 - ii. Concrete steps to strengthen collaboration and expand information and data sharing, and a proposed timeline for completion of those steps;
 - iii. Legal, policy, or other barriers to strengthened collaboration and expanded information and data sharing;
 - iv. Consideration of, and compliance with, data privacy and security requirements;
 - v. Whether a formal structure is needed for data sharing across state agencies, and, if so, what the structure should be;
 - vi. Any needed administrative resources to accomplish the purposes of this Order, including the possibility of a state data warehouse;
 - vii. Whether any additional executive orders or directives by the governor are needed to accomplish the purposes of this Order;
 - viii. Whether changes to state law are needed to strengthen state agency collaboration and expand information and data sharing by state agencies;
 - ix. Identification of funding sources to accomplish the purposes of this Order and the recommendations in the Action Plan, including the possibility of braiding funding from several sources;
 - x. Any federal waivers needed for possible funding sources; and
 - xi. Any other information as determined by the Task Force.

THIS ORDER is effective immediately and shall remain in effect through Aug. 30, 2023.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Utah. Done in Salt Lake City, Utah, on this, the 1st day of February, 2023.



Spencer J. Cox
Governor, State of Utah

Deidre M. Henderson
Lieutenant Governor, State of Utah

ATTEST: