

THE SCHOOL BOARD, THE WELFARE BOARD, THE PRACTICING PHYSICIANS, THE CLERGY, AND THE LEGAL PROFESSION, AND THREE TO SIX ADDITIONAL MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. THE TERM OF OFFICE OF EACH MEMBER SHALL BE FOR THREE YEARS COMMENCING FROM THE FIRST DAY OF JULY OF THE YEAR OF APPOINTMENT EXCEPT THAT OF THE MEMBERS FIRST APPOINTED ONE-THIRD SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS AND ONE-THIRD FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR. MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED TWO CONSECUTIVE FULL TERMS SHALL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF SUCH TERMS. THE OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE ELECTED ANNUALLY BY THE MEMBERSHIP AND THE CHAIRMANSHIP SHALL BE ROTATED ON AN ANNUAL BASIS. THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE EMPOWERED TO CREATE INTERNAL SUB-COMMITTEES AND DRAW IN ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS AS NEEDED. THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE REGIONAL MENTAL HOSPITAL SHALL BE EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER SHALL PROVIDE STAFF SERVICES TO THE COMMITTEE AND FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE.

TWO OR MORE COUNTIES BY AGREEMENT OF THE GOVERNING BODIES CONCERNED AND UPON THE CONSENT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HYGIENE WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE STATE BOARD OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, MAY ESTABLISH A COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM AND AN INTER-COUNTY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, IF THE POPULATION OF ONE OF THE COUNTIES IS TOO SMALL TO WARRANT ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INDEPENDENT PROGRAM.

*(d) The inter-county advisory ~~board~~ COMMITTEE shall be selected by the governing bodies of the counties concerned. Each participating jurisdiction shall appoint at least four members.*

*(e) The function of each community mental health advisory ~~board~~ COMMITTEE shall be to:*

*(1) periodically review available services and facilities and determine local mental health program needs;*

*(2) advise and report annually to the governing body(ies) and to the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene on progress of the local mental health program and of actions needed for further improvement; and*

*(3) make recommendations for appropriate allocation of funds in accordance with agreed upon priorities and consideration of financial resources (private and public, local and State).*

*(f) The Commissioner of Mental Hygiene with the approval of the Board of Health and Mental Hygiene shall prepare and periodically revise the comprehensive mental health plan for mental health services, which plan includes: (1) an inventory of mental health resources in the State; (2) a statement of the needs of the various areas for services taking into consideration existing resources and*