

(3) Appoint subcommittee chairs from among the Commission members.

(f) A member of the Commission may not receive compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(g) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide the staffing for the Commission.

(h) The Commission shall:

(1) Determine where community vaccine shortages exist and which vaccines are in short supply;

(2) Develop a recommendation for a plan to effectuate the equitable distribution of vaccines; and

(3) Study and make recommendations about other related issues as determined by the Commission, including but not limited to:

(i) Immunizations required of children entering schools in times of vaccine shortage;

(ii) All available options for the purchasing of vaccines, INCLUDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A UNIVERSAL VACCINE PURCHASING SYSTEM, OR A SIMILAR PROGRAM TO INCREASE ACCESS TO NECESSARY VACCINES, FOR THE STATE;

(III) AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE USE OF THIMEROSAL IN VACCINES, INCLUDING THE AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY OF THIMEROSAL-FREE VACCINES, AND ANY OTHER ISSUE RELATED TO THE USE OF THIMEROSAL IN VACCINES THAT IS IDENTIFIED BY THE COMMISSION;

~~(iii)~~ (IV) Elimination of any vaccine distribution disparities;

~~(iv)~~ (V) A public education campaign in the event of a vaccine shortage;

~~(v)~~ (VI) The availability and affordability of adult and childhood vaccines; and