

the relative fiscal capacity of the various areas, and (3) an indication of the priorities of the different services needed.

(g) The governing body of any county(ies) or Baltimore City desiring to establish a mental health program conforming to the provisions of this subtitle and the regulations pertaining thereto may apply for the assistance provided by this subtitle by submitting annually to the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene with the approval of the Board of Health and Mental Hygiene, its plan and budget for the next fiscal year. No community mental health services program shall be eligible for support under this subtitle unless its plan and budget conform to the State plan and the priorities established thereunder and the qualifications of professional personnel involved conform to standards prescribed by the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene.

(h) The Commissioner of Mental Hygiene shall appoint regional representatives who will act as his deputies and will coordinate the local mental health programs in each of the regions of the State with the regional State psychiatric hospitals and represent the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene in carrying out his responsibilities concerning the mental health services and facilities of the region.

(i) The health officer for each county and for Baltimore City shall be responsible for the local mental health services program and shall:

(1) consult with the regional representative of the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene in planning for various program components;

(2) prepare an annual plan and budget for provision of services, establishment of facilities, contracting for services or facilities and other matters necessary or desirable to accomplish the purposes of the Act;

(3) assure that the qualifications of personnel and the quality of professional services rendered meet the standards prescribed by the Commissioner of Mental Hygiene with the approval of the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene;

(4) exercise general supervision over mental health services and facilities furnished, operated, or supported by his department;

(5) submit an annual report to the advisory board COMMITTEE and the governing body on all activities of the program including a financial accounting of expenditures and a forecast of anticipated needs for the ensuing year;

(6) carry on such other duties as may be necessary to accomplish the purposes of the subtitle.

(j) The Commissioner of Mental Hygiene with the approval of the Board of Health and Mental Hygiene may award grants for any program providing at least two of the services specified in subsection (b). Funding of the State share shall be in accordance with a formula for financing of health and mental health services established by the General Assembly and with criteria approved by the Board of Health and Mental Hygiene. All or part of a grant may be made in the form of facilities, materials and services.

(J) FUNDING OF LOCAL MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAMS SHALL BE IN ACCORDANCE WITH RULES AND REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD OF HEALTH AND