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a. *The Commission shall appoint, with the approval of the Governor, an executive director, who shall perform any and all duties, functions as prescribed by the Commission. The Commission shall employ such other staff as provided in the budget. In addition, the Commission may contract with third parties for any services that may be necessary to carry out its activities, provided such services are determined to be unavailable from the State or local comprehensive health planning agencies.*

b. *The executive director shall be the chief administrative officer of the Commission and shall be subject to the direction of the Commission. The executive director and his chief assistants, DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND THE PRINCIPAL SECTION CHIEFS shall serve at the pleasure of the Commission.*

c. *To carry out the purposes of this subtitle, the Commission may also create committees from its membership and appoint advisory committees which may include as members individuals and representatives of interested public and private groups and organizations.*

d. *The Commission shall not duplicate the services and capabilities of areawide and State comprehensive health planning agencies, but shall rely upon such agencies for appropriate assistance and advice.*

e. *D. The Commission may apply for, receive and accept grants, gifts, payments and other funds and advances, appropriations, properties and services from the United States, the State of Maryland or any governmental body, agency or agencies or from any other public or private corporation or person, and enter into agreements with respect thereto, including the undertaking of studies, plans, demonstrations or projects.*

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In addition, to the powers granted to the Commission elsewhere in this subtitle, the Commission may:

(1) *Adopt, amend and repeal rules and regulations respecting the exercise of the powers conferred by this subtitle, subject to the provisions of Article 41 of this Code applicable to the promulgation of rules and regulations.*

(2) *Hold public hearings, conduct investigations and require the filing of information relating to any matter affecting the cost of services in all institutions subject to the provisions of this subtitle and to subpoena witnesses, papers, records and documents in connection therewith. The executive director may administer oaths or affirmations in any hearing or investigation.*

(3) *Exercise, subject to the limitations and restrictions herein imposed, all other powers which are reasonably necessary or essential to carry out the expressed objects and purposes of this subtitle.*

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Any persons aggrieved by a final determination of the Commission under the provisions of this subtitle may appeal therefrom as provided by Sections 206A, 206B, 255 and 256 of Article 41.