

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.

(1) In addition to other duties and powers given to him under this subtitle and other provisions of law, the [Commissioner of Mental Hygiene with the approval of the Board of Health and Mental Hygiene] SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE shall:

(1) Promulgate rules and regulations governing the eligibility of local mental health programs to receive State grants under this subtitle;

(2) Promulgate rules and regulations prescribing standards for qualifications of personnel and quality of professional services rendered in local mental health programs supported under this subtitle provided that all full or part-time employees or consultants supported with funds under this subtitle shall be recruited, appointed, promoted, and retained without reference to race, creed or color, and this shall apply to services contracted for by local programs;

(3) Promulgate rules and regulations governing eligibility for service provided that no person shall be denied service on the basis of race, creed, color, or the inability to pay for services;

(4) Review and evaluate local programs and personnel practices and make recommendations thereon to the local governing body and the local health officer;

(5) Provide consultative staff service through his regional mental health directors to subdivisions to assist in ascertaining local needs and in planning and establishing local mental health programs;

(6) Review and approve the plans and budgets submitted by local governing bodies for support under this subtitle;

(7) Exercise such other powers and duties as may be required for the implementation of this subtitle.

(8) EXERCISE SUCH OTHER POWERS AND DUTIES AS MAY BE REQUIRED FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SUBTITLE.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That new Section 32B be and it is hereby added to Article 59 - Mental Hygiene, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1972 Replacement Volume and 1976 Supplement) to read as follows:

Article 59 - Mental Hygiene

32B.