

organization and structure of the State's comprehensive health planning program, as set forth in this Executive Order, are consistent with both State and federal law;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARVIN MANDEL, GOVERNOR OF MARYLAND, PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY ARTICLE II, SECTION 24 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND, BY ARTICLE 41, SECTIONS 15C, 15CA, AND 59C, OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, AND BY PUBLIC LAW 93-641, HEREBY ISSUE THE FOLLOWING ORDER, EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY:

1. State Health Planning and Development Agency

(a) The entity created pursuant to Article 41, Section 59C of the Annotated Code of Maryland and heretofore known as the State's Comprehensive Health Planning Agency is designated as the State Health Planning and Development Agency for purposes of Public Law 93-641.

(b) As required by Article 41, Sections 59C and 206(e) of the Code, this agency shall be part of the State Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.

(c) (1) The head of the agency is the Chairman, who shall be the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, ex officio.

(2) The chief executive officer of the agency is the Executive Director, who shall be appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Chairman, and who shall have the salary and staff provided in the State Budget.

(3) The Executive Director is responsible for the administration of the agency and the performance of its functions. However, the decision of the Executive Director, in a contested case, shall upon application by an aggrieved party, be considered and approved by the Chairman before it becomes final in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by or on behalf of the agency.

(d) The State Health Planning and Development Agency shall perform the functions, duties, and responsibilities authorized to be performed by and specifically delegated to it under Public Law 93-641; and, to the extent not inconsistent with Public Law 93-641, it shall continue to perform the activities authorized by Article 41, Section 59C of the Code or by other State law.

(e) The Secretary of Health and Mental