

Hygiene shall cooperate with and give assistance to the Executive Director in order that the Agency may operate efficiently to carry out its functions, duties and responsibilities.

2. State Health Coordinating Council

(a) The State Health Coordinating Council is created as a unit in the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene for budgetary and administrative purposes.

(b) The Council shall consist of any ex officio representative of the Veterans Administration required under Section 1524(b)(1)(D) of Public Law 93-641 and 33 members appointed by the Governor as follows:

(1) Each of the five health systems agencies in the State shall submit a list of at least eight nominees to the Governor. Of these nominees, four shall be consumers who are not providers of health care, and four shall be providers of health care, at least one of which shall be an indirect provider, as these terms are defined in Public Law 93-641 and the Regulations issued thereunder. From each list of nominees, the Governor shall select four persons, thereby providing an equal representation from each of the five health service agencies. Of the persons selected from each list, two shall be consumers who are not providers, and two shall be providers.

(2) The remaining thirteen members shall be appointed by the Governor without regard to nominations. Consideration shall be given to population densities, a fair geographical representation, and any unique needs or circumstances of the areas of the State in making these appointments. At least eight of these persons shall be individuals who are consumers and not providers of health care, and to the extent not otherwise adequately included in the appointments made under paragraph 2(b)(1) hereof, representatives of State and local governmental agencies and non-governmental organizations and groups concerned with health shall be included.

(c) The Council shall perform the functions, duties, and responsibilities authorized to be performed by or specifically delegated to it under Public Law 93-641.