

COMPULSIVE GAMBLING PROGRAMS TO PROVIDE INPATIENT SERVICES, OUTPATIENT SERVICES, PARTIAL CARE SERVICES CONSULTATION AND EDUCATION SERVICES, AFTERCARE SERVICES, AND OTHER FORMS OF PREVENTIVE, TREATMENT, OR REHABILITATION SERVICES FOR COMPULSIVE GAMBLERS. SERVICES SHALL BE RENDERED BY GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES OR BY NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS BY CONTRACT. RESEARCH AND TRAINING DESIGNED TO IMPROVE AND EXTEND THE FOREGOING SERVICES SHALL BE PROPER ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE.

~~(D) THE SECRETARY SHALL ESTABLISH A COMPULSIVE GAMBLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND APPOINT THE MEMBERS OF IT. MEMBERSHIP SHALL CONSIST OF ONE REPRESENTATIVE EACH FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, THE PRACTICING PHYSICIANS, THE CLERGY, THE LEGAL PROFESSION, THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF BALTIMORE CITY AND EACH COUNTY, WHERE ONE EXISTS, AND AT LEAST THREE ADDITIONAL MEMBERS REPRESENTING THE COMMUNITY AS A WHOLE. THE TERM OF OFFICE OF EACH MEMBER IS THREE YEARS COMMENCING FROM THE FIRST DAY OF JULY OF THE YEAR OF APPOINTMENT EXCEPT THAT OF THE MEMBERS FIRST APPOINTED ONE THIRD SHALL BE APPOINTED FOR A TERM OF TWO YEARS AND ONE THIRD FOR A TERM OF ONE YEAR. MEMBERS WHO HAVE SERVED TWO CONSECUTIVE FULL TERMS MAY NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR REAPPOINTMENT FOR A PERIOD OF THREE YEARS FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF THEIR TERMS. THE OFFICERS OF THE COMMITTEE SHALL BE ELECTED ANNUALLY BY THE MEMBERSHIP AND THE CHAIRMANSHIP MAY NOT BE HELD BY THE SAME PERSON FOR MORE THAN TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS. THE COMMITTEE IS EMPOWERED TO CREATE INTERNAL SUBCOMMITTEES AND DRAW IN ADDITIONAL PARTICIPANTS AS NEEDED. EACH LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER IN THE STATE, AND EACH REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR IN THE STATE, SHALL BE EX OFFICIO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE. THE SECRETARY SHALL PROVIDE STAFF SERVICES TO THE COMMITTEE AND FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE IN EVERY WAY POSSIBLE.~~

~~(E) THE FUNCTION OF THE COMPULSIVE GAMBLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL BE TO:~~

~~(1) PERIODICALLY REVIEW WITH THE ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE OF THE REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR THE AVAILABILITY AND QUALITY OF SERVICES, INCLUDING AFTERCARE, AND FACILITIES AND DETERMINE LOCAL COMPULSIVE GAMBLING PROGRAM NEEDS;~~

~~(2) ADVISE AND REPORT ANNUALLY THROUGH THE COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HYGIENE TO THE SECRETARY ON PROGRESS OF THE COMPULSIVE GAMBLING PROGRAM AND OF ACTIONS NEEDED FOR FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS; AND~~

~~(3) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPROPRIATE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS IN ACCORDANCE WITH AGREED UPON PRIORITIES AND CONSIDERATION OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES (PRIVATE, PUBLIC, AND STATE).~~

~~(F) THE COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HYGIENE WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY SHALL PREPARE AND PERIODICALLY REVISE THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR COMPULSIVE GAMBLING~~