

SERVICES, WHICH PLAN INCLUDES:

(1) AN INVENTORY OF COMPULSIVE GAMBLING RESOURCES IN THE STATE;

(2) A STATEMENT OF THE NEEDS OF THE VARIOUS AREAS FOR SERVICES;

(3) AN INDICATION OF THE PRIORITIES OF THE DIFFERENT SERVICES NEEDED; AND

(4) CRITERIA FOR IMPLEMENTING QUALITY PRECARE, CARE, AND AFTERCARE SERVICES.

(C) THE COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL APPOINT REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS WHO WILL ACT AS HIS DEPUTIES AND WILL COORDINATE THE LOCAL COMPULSIVE GAMBLING PROGRAMS IN EACH OF THE REGIONS OF THE STATE WITH THE REGIONAL STATE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITALS AND REPRESENT THE COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HYGIENE IN CARRYING OUT HIS RESPONSIBILITIES CONCERNING THE COMPULSIVE GAMBLING SERVICES AND FACILITIES OF THE REGION.

(H) THE COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COMPULSIVE GAMBLING SERVICES PROGRAM AND SHALL:

(1) CONSULT WITH THE REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS IN PLANNING FOR VARIOUS PROGRAM COMPONENTS;

(2) PREPARE WITH THE ADVICE OF THE REGIONAL MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTORS AN ANNUAL PLAN AND BUDGET FOR PROVISION OF SERVICES, INCLUDING AFTERCARE, ESTABLISHMENT OF FACILITIES, CONTRACTING FOR SERVICES OR FACILITIES, AND OTHER MATTERS NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE TO ACCOMPLISH THE PURPOSES OF THE ACT;

(3) ASSURE THAT THE QUALIFICATIONS OF PERSONNEL AND THE QUALITY OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RENDERED MEET THE STANDARDS PRESCRIBED BY THE SECRETARY;

(4) EXERCISE GENERAL SUPERVISION OVER COMPULSIVE GAMBLING SERVICES AND FACILITIES FURNISHED, OPERATED, OR SUPPORTED BY HIS DEPARTMENT;

(5) SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE GOVERNING BODY ON ALL ACTIVITIES OF THE PROGRAM INCLUDING A FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING OF EXPENDITURES 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.

(I) THE GOVERNING BODY OF ANY COUNTY OR BALTIMORE CITY DESIRING TO ESTABLISH A COMPULSIVE GAMBLING PROGRAM CONCERNING TO THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE AND THE REGULATIONS PERTAINING THERETO MAY APPLY FOR THE ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THIS SUBTITLE BY SUBMITTING ANNUALLY TO THE