

COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH and the alcoholism coordinator shall be ex officio members of the council. The alcoholism coordinator shall attend at least one local council meeting per year. The [local] health officer OR, IN BALTIMORE CITY, THE BALTIMORE CITY COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH shall provide staff services to the council and facilitate the work of the council in every way possible.

Two or more counties by agreement of the governing bodies concerned and upon the consent of the director of the alcoholism control administration with the approval of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, may establish an intercounty advisory council, if the population of one of the counties is too small to warrant establishment of an independent program.

The provisions of this subsection (a) shall not apply in any county which, as of [the effective date of this act] JULY 1, 1977, has an existing council, advisory board, or other body established by law or ordinance, which as its sole responsibility, reviews policies and programs for the treatment of drug abuse and alcoholism and which makes recommendations to the appropriate health officials concerning those policies and programs.

(c) The function of each district alcoholism advisory council shall be to:

(2) Advise and report annually to the [local] health officer OR BALTIMORE CITY COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH, the appropriate governing body, and through the alcoholism coordinator to the director of the alcoholism control administration on progress of the local alcoholism control program and of actions needed for further improvements;

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(c) (1) The governing body of each county and of Baltimore City shall establish a mental health advisory committee and appoint the members of it. Membership shall consist of one representative from each of the following categories: the local governing body, the department of education, the department of social services, the practicing physicians, other mental health professionals, the clergy, the legal profession, the mental health association, where one exists, an individual who has or is receiving mental health care, an individual who is a relative of a mental health care recipient, and at least three members representing the community. 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