

(2) -- IS DESCRIBED IN RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COUNCIL.

19-108.

(A) -- THE COUNCIL SHALL RECOGNIZE, FOR A SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC AREA, A LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY.

(B) -- THE COUNCIL SHALL REQUIRE EACH LOCAL PLANNING AGENCY TO:

(1) -- DEVELOP A LOCAL HEALTH PLAN IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATEWIDE GUIDELINES AND POLICIES, AND

(2) -- EXERCISE LEADERSHIP IN CARRYING OUT THE STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH PLANS.

19-109.

(A) -- (1) -- EVERY 5 YEARS, THE COUNCIL SHALL ADOPT A STATE HEALTH PLAN.

(2) -- THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE:

(i) -- ANY POLICIES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR CHANGES IN THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM;

(ii) -- IDENTIFICATION OF ALL ACTUAL OR REASONABLY FORESEEABLE POTENTIAL UNMET HEALTH CARE NEEDS; AND

(iii) -- AN ASSESSMENT, AS SPECIFICALLY AS POSSIBLE, OF FACILITIES, SERVICES, AND FUNDING REQUIREMENTS FOR MEETING THE HEALTH CARE NEEDS.

(B) -- ANNUALLY, THE COUNCIL SHALL REVIEW THE STATE HEALTH PLAN AND PUBLISH ANY CHANGES IN THE PLAN THE COUNCIL CONSIDERS NECESSARY.

(C) -- (1) -- THE COUNCIL SHALL PROMOTE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE STATE HEALTH PLAN.

(2) -- ALL STATE AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, INVOLVED WITH OR RESPONSIBLE FOR ANY ASPECT OF REGULATING, FUNDING, OR SUPERVISING THE HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY OR PERSONS INVOLVED IN IT SHALL CARRY OUT THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES IN A MANNER CONSISTENT WITH THE STATE HEALTH PLAN.

(D) -- AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET, THE COUNCIL MAY EMPLOY AND USE EXPERTS AND OTHERS KNOWLEDGEABLE IN HEALTH CARE TO ASSIST IT IN CARRYING OUT ITS RESPONSIBILITIES UNDER THIS SUBTITLE.