

(2) INCORPORATE THE RESULTS OF THE QUALITY ASSESSMENT OF CASEWORK SERVICES IN § 5-1308 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(3) CONSIDER THE RESULTS OF THE CASE REVIEWS CONDUCTED BY THE CITIZENS' REVIEW BOARD FOR CHILDREN.

(D) AFTER A LOCAL DEPARTMENT SELF-ASSESSMENT IS ~~CONDUCTED~~ ACCEPTED BY THE ADMINISTRATION, THE LOCAL DEPARTMENTS SHALL DEVELOP A PLAN TO:

(1) MAINTAIN PERFORMANCE THAT MEETS STANDARDS;

(2) STRENGTHEN AREAS NEEDING IMPROVEMENT; AND

(3) DESCRIBE HOW AREAS NEEDING IMPROVEMENT WILL BE ADDRESSED AND HOW IMPROVEMENTS WILL BE MEASURED.

(E) THE SECRETARY SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE LOCAL DEPARTMENT SELF-ASSESSMENT PROCESS, INCLUDING:

(1) THE DEVELOPMENT OF QUALITY ASSURANCE PROCEDURES;

(2) PERFORMANCE STANDARDS;

(3) THE TIMING OF THE ASSESSMENT;

(4) THE SCOPE OF THE ASSESSMENT;

(5) THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ACCEPT OR REJECT THE LOCAL ASSESSMENT AND THE PLAN; ~~AND~~

(6) THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL MONITOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LOCAL PLANS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION; AND

~~(6)~~ (7) THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL USE THE ASSESSMENTS OF THE LOCAL DEPARTMENTS TO DEVELOP THE STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT UNDER TITLE 45 § 1355.33(B) OF THE CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS.

(F) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENTER INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH AN ENTITY WITH EXPERTISE IN CHILD WELFARE BEST PRACTICES TO COLLECT AND MAINTAIN INFORMATION NECESSARY TO CONDUCT A LOCAL DEPARTMENT SELF-ASSESSMENT AND STATEWIDE ASSESSMENT.

(2) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2008, AND ANNUALLY THEREAFTER, THE ENTITY THAT ENTERS INTO A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE DEPARTMENT, AS REQUIRED BY THIS SUBTITLE, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, SHALL REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON:

(I) THE MEASUREMENT OF PERFORMANCE OF THE LOCAL DEPARTMENTS AND THE ADMINISTRATION, AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION; AND