

(ii) If the local educational agency declines to contract, the Department [of Health and Mental Hygiene] may operate an education program directly or contract with another qualified provider.

(4) Until a separate program is established for each county, children from Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's counties may be served by the Regional Institute in Prince George's County.

(5) The Department [of Health and Mental Hygiene] shall establish guidelines in cooperation with the local board of education for the operation of the Regional Institute for Children and Adolescents in Prince George's County.

~~(6) (i) AN ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE SHALL DETERMINE ADMISSION TO THE REGIONAL INSTITUTE FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY UNDER THE STANDARDS FOR ADMISSION SET BY THE DIRECTOR UNDER § 10-407 OF THIS SUBTITLE.~~

~~(ii) THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE SHALL CONSIST OF 3 MEMBERS WHO ARE APPOINTED BY THE DIRECTOR, INCLUDING:~~

~~1. 1 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE DEPARTMENT,~~

~~2. 1 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE MEMBERSHIP OF ONE OF THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEES OF CHARLES, CALVERT, AND ST. MARY'S COUNTIES, AND~~

~~3. 1 REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS.~~

~~(iii) THE DIRECTOR SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT, TERMS, AND DUTIES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE THAT THE DIRECTOR CONSIDERS NECESSARY.~~

(6) (I) BY JANUARY 1, 1985, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR ADMISSION TO ALL REGIONAL INSTITUTES FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS IN COOPERATION WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE ADVISORY COMMITTEES OF THE REGIONAL INSTITUTES FOR CHILDREN AND ADOLESCENTS, THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEES IN EACH REGION, THE LOCAL EDUCATION AGENCIES, AND THE MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND.

(II) IN DETERMINING THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THAT NO BONA FIDE CANDIDATE FOR ADMISSION MAY BE REJECTED SOLELY BECAUSE OF RESIDENCE OUTSIDE THE REGULAR CATCHMENT AREA SERVED BY THE INSTITUTION.

(III) IN DETERMINING THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THAT CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION WHO RESIDE IN THE REGULAR CATCHMENT AREA SERVED BY THE INSTITUTION SHALL BE GRANTED PRIORITY IN ADMISSIONS TO THE INSTITUTION.