

(5) OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE AGENCIES.

(C) THE PART OF THE STATE PLAN THAT RELATES TO THE NEED FOR PUBLIC GROUP HOMES SHALL BE SENT TO EACH COUNTY.

7-605.

(A) (1) IF THE SECRETARY CERTIFIES THAT A PUBLIC GROUP HOME IS NEEDED IN A COUNTY OR MULTICOUNTY REGION, THE COUNTY OR COUNTIES OF THE REGION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LOCAL CONSUMER GROUPS, PROMPTLY SHALL CHOOSE A SITE THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATE PLAN.

(2) BEFORE SUBMITTING A PROPOSED SITE TO THE SECRETARY, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE COUNTY WHERE THE SITE IS LOCATED SHALL HOLD AT LEAST 1 PUBLIC HEARING IN THAT COUNTY.

(B) THE SECRETARY SHALL COOPERATE WITH AND HELP THE COUNTY OR COUNTIES TO CHOOSE A SUITABLE SITE.

(C) IF WITHIN 6 MONTHS AFTER THE SECRETARY CERTIFIES A NEED FOR A PUBLIC GROUP HOME, A SUITABLE SITE IS NOT SUBMITTED TO THE SECRETARY, THE SECRETARY SHALL DECLARE THE COUNTY OR COUNTIES TO BE IN DEFAULT. HOWEVER, FOR GOOD CAUSE SHOWN, THE SECRETARY MAY EXTEND THE 6-MONTH PERIOD NOT MORE THAN ANOTHER 3 MONTHS.

(D) WITHIN 3 MONTHS AFTER THE DEFAULT BY A COUNTY OR COUNTIES, THE SECRETARY SHALL:

(1) CHOOSE A SUITABLE SITE; AND

(2) AFTER HOLDING A PUBLIC HEARING IN THE COUNTY WHERE THE SITE IS LOCATED, RECOMMEND THE SITE TO THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS.

7-606.

(A) (1) IF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS APPROVES THE SITE THAT HAS BEEN CHOSEN BY THE SECRETARY, ON A DEFAULT BY A COUNTY OR COUNTIES, THIS STATE MAY:

(I) ACQUIRE THE SITE BY LEASE OR PURCHASE, CONDEMNATION, OR OTHERWISE;

(II) RENOVATE A BUILDING OR BUILD A PUBLIC GROUP HOME THAT MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF:

1. THE STATE PLAN;

2. THE REGULATIONS ISSUED UNDER § 7-904 OF THIS TITLE RELATING TO COMMUNITY BASED RESIDENTIAL SERVICES; AND

3. THE PROGRAM ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS OF THE FEDERAL REGULATIONS (45 C.F.R. §§ 84.21 THROUGH 84.23).