

(iii) 1 shall be from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene;

(iv) 1 shall be a mental health professional with expertise in the area of deafness;

(v) 2 shall be parents of hearing-impaired infants or of hearing-impaired young children;

(vi) 1 shall be from the Maryland Association of the Deaf; and

(vii) 1 shall be an audiologist.

(c) The Advisory Council shall elect a chairperson from among its members.

(d) The Advisory Council shall meet at least 6 times a year at the times and places that it determines.

(e) A member of the Advisory Council:

(1) May not receive compensation; but

(2) Is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State Budget.

(f) The Advisory Council shall:

(1) Advise the Department on the implementation of an early identification program and follow-up of hearing-impaired infants and infants who have a risk factor of developing a hearing impairment;

(2) Provide consultation to the Department in the development of the program;

(3) Make recommendations for operation of the program;

(4) Advise the Department:

(i) In setting standards for the program;

(ii) In monitoring and reviewing the program;

(iii) In providing quality assurance for the program;

(5) Provide consultation to the Department in the establishment of an educational program for families,