

- (2) medical care programs;
- (3) health regulatory services; or
- (4) administration.

(e) (1) The 15 members from the general public shall be chosen from different geographical areas of the State.

(2) Of the 15 members from the general public:

(i) [9] 12 shall be [handicapped] individuals WITH DISABILITIES;

(ii) 1 shall be a private citizen with special knowledge or expertise relating to services to [handicapped] individuals WITH DISABILITIES;

(iii) 1 shall be from the business community;

(iv) 2 shall be parents of [handicapped] children WITH DISABILITIES;

and

(v) 2 shall be from private agencies providing services to [handicapped] individuals WITH DISABILITIES.

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The Council shall:

(1) advise the Office in carrying out its duties;

(2) review statewide activities for [handicapped] individuals WITH DISABILITIES, including reviewing reports and publications of committees and commissions;

(3) foster coordination of and support for programs for [handicapped] individuals WITH DISABILITIES;

(4) study ways to maximize the use of the facilities and services available to [handicapped] individuals WITH DISABILITIES; [and]

(5) hold:

(i) at least quarterly, regularly scheduled meetings; and

(ii) open meetings to provide direct communication, between [handicapped] individuals WITH DISABILITIES and private and public organizations and the general public, about programs and services for and needs of [handicapped] individuals WITH DISABILITIES; AND

(6) ASSIST ANY LOCAL GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY TO ESTABLISH A LOCAL ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES IN THE COUNTY FOR PURPOSES OF IMPLEMENTING THE PROVISIONS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990.