

Education;

1. 1 shall be from the Maryland State Department of

2. 1 shall be from the Maryland School for the Deaf; and

3. 1 shall be an educator of the deaf from a local education agency;

(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 children;

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

(vii) 1 shall be an audiologist WITH EXPERTISE IN CHILDHOOD HEARING LOSS; AND

(VIII) 1 SHALL BE FROM THE ALEXANDER GRAHAM BELL ASSOCIATION OF MARYLAND.

(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 Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) The Advisory Council shall:

(1) Advise the Department on the implementation of UNIVERSAL HEARING SCREENING OF NEWBORNS AND 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; and

(iii) In providing quality assurance for the program;