

~~(31) A representative of a managed care organization operating in the State;~~

~~(32) A consumer representative;~~

~~(33) A nurse recruiter;~~

~~(34) TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HOSPICE INDUSTRY;~~

~~(35) TWO REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE HOME HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY;~~

~~(36) Two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and~~

~~[(35)](37) Two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate.~~

(d) The Commission shall:

(1) Convene a crisis in nursing summit to respond to the nursing shortage in the State;

(2) In addition to the issues identified and prioritized as a result of the summit convened under item (1) of this subsection, determine the current extent and long-term implications of the growing nursing personnel shortage in the State, including:

(i) An evaluation of mechanisms currently available in the State and elsewhere intended to enhance education, recruitment, and retention of nurses in the workforce and to improve quality of care;

(ii) An assessment of the impact of shortages in nursing personnel on access to, and the delivery of, quality patient care;

(3) Develop recommendations on, and facilitate implementation of, strategies to reverse the growing shortage of qualified nursing personnel in the State, including:

(i) Determining what changes are needed to existing programs, current scholarship programs, and funding mechanisms to better reflect and accommodate the changing health care delivery environment and to improve quality of care to meet the needs of patients;

(ii) Facilitating career advancement within nursing;

(iii) Identifying more accurately specific shortage areas in a more timely manner;

(iv) Attracting middle and high school students into nursing as a career; [and]