

(C) (1) THE LOCAL COORDINATING COUNCIL SHALL BE PART OF THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY PURPOSES.

(2) SUBJECT TO THE AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING, THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD SHALL PROVIDE ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF AND SUPPORT TO THE LOCAL COORDINATING COUNCIL.

(3) THE LOCAL COORDINATING COUNCIL SHALL BE INDEPENDENT OF THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT BOARD IN ITS DECISIONS REGARDING INDIVIDUAL PLANS OF CARE FOR CHILDREN AND POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING SERVICES TO CHILDREN.

19.

(a) [The] CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS, THE Council and the local {coordinating} councils shall develop and implement plans of care for the residential placement of children [with disabilities in the State] IN NEED OF RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT AND CHILDREN IN NEED OF OUT-OF-STATE PLACEMENT.

(b) A local {coordinating} council shall:

(1) Accept placement referrals from the agencies represented on the local {coordinating} council;

(2) [Decide what type of placement is needed by the child with disabilities who is referred for placement] ~~CONSISTENT WITH APPLICABLE FEDERAL AND STATE LAWS~~, REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN REFERRED TO THE LOCAL COORDINATING COUNCIL IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS SECTION; AS FOLLOWS:

(I) REVIEW RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENTS RECOMMENDED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FEDERAL INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES EDUCATION ACT OR FEDERAL MEDICAID REQUIREMENTS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO THE LEAD AGENCY REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF COMMUNITY-BASED RESOURCES TO SERVE THE CHILD IN THE LEAST RESTRICTIVE ENVIRONMENT DETERMINED TO BE APPROPRIATE BY THE LEAD AGENCY;

(II) REVIEW AND APPROVE OTHER RECOMMENDED RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENTS, AS DEFINED IN § 13 OF THIS ARTICLE; AND

(III) REVIEW RECOMMENDED OUT-OF-STATE PLACEMENTS AND REFER THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE STATE COORDINATING COUNCIL;

(3) Provide an interagency plan of care for [children with disabilities who need residential placements] THE CHILD'S RESIDENTIAL PLACEMENT OR APPROPRIATE, ALTERNATIVE, COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES FOR THE CHILD;

(4) [submit] CONSISTENT WITH REGULATIONS ADOPTED BY THE SUBCABINET, SUBMIT recommended plans of care to the Council; and

(5) Assist the agency primarily responsible for [a disabled] THE child's care in implementing and monitoring THE residential placements.