

(IV) ONE PUBLIC HEALTH EDUCATOR;

(V) ONE EXPERT IN BONE AND OSTEOPOROSIS RESEARCH, PREVENTION, AND TREATMENT; AND

(VI) ONE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER OR THE LOCAL HEALTH OFFICER'S DESIGNEE.

~~(C) FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS, THE TASK FORCE SHALL ELECT A CHAIRMAN.~~

(C) THE SECRETARY SHALL DESIGNATE THE CHAIRMAN OF THE TASK FORCE.

(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE TASK FORCE.

(E) A MAJORITY OF THE AUTHORIZED MEMBERSHIP OF MEMBERS SERVING ON THE TASK FORCE IS A QUORUM.

(F) THE TASK FORCE SHALL CONDUCT A NEEDS ASSESSMENT TO IDENTIFY:

(1) AVAILABLE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS AND PROGRAMS CONCERNING OSTEOPOROSIS NATIONWIDE;

(2) THE LEVEL OF PUBLIC AND PROFESSIONAL AWARENESS ABOUT OSTEOPOROSIS;

(3) THE NEEDS OF OSTEOPOROSIS PATIENTS, AND THE FAMILIES AND CAREGIVERS OF OSTEOPOROSIS PATIENTS;

(4) THE NEEDS OF HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, INCLUDING PHYSICIANS, NURSES, AND MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS, THAT PROVIDE SERVICES TO OSTEOPOROSIS PATIENTS;

(5) THE SERVICES AVAILABLE TO OSTEOPOROSIS PATIENTS;

(6) THE EXISTENCE OF OSTEOPOROSIS TREATMENT GROUPS, SUPPORT GROUPS, AND REHABILITATION SERVICES; AND

(7) THE AMOUNT AND LOCATION OF BONE DENSITY TESTING EQUIPMENT.

(G) THE TASK FORCE:

(1) SHALL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT CONCERNING ABOUT:

(1) ANY LEGISLATION OR REGULATION THAT MAY BE NECESSARY OR DESIRABLE TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(2) MAY HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS AND SOLICIT INFORMATION FROM ANY PERSON, ORGANIZATION, OR GROUP AS THE TASK FORCE DEEMS NECESSARY.