

~~9-3A-02. 20-1002.~~

~~THERE IS AN OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES IN THE EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT DEPARTMENT.~~

~~9-3A-03. 20-1003.~~

~~(A) THE HEAD OF THE OFFICE OF MINORITY HEALTH IS THE DIRECTOR OF MINORITY AFFAIRS.~~

~~(B) THE DIRECTOR SHALL REPORT TO THE SECRETARY.~~

~~9-3A-04. 20-1004.~~

THE OFFICE SHALL:

(1) BE AN ADVOCATE FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF MINORITY HEALTH CARE BY WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT ON ITS OWN, OR IN PARTNERSHIP WITH OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES TO ESTABLISH APPROPRIATE FORUMS, PROGRAMS, OR INITIATIVES DESIGNED TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC REGARDING MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES ISSUES, WITH AN EMPHASIS ON PREVENTIVE HEALTH AND HEALTHY LIFESTYLES;

(2) ASSIST THE SECRETARY IN IDENTIFYING, COORDINATING AND ESTABLISHING PRIORITIES FOR PROGRAMS, SERVICES, AND RESOURCES THAT THE STATE SHOULD PROVIDE FOR MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES ISSUES;

(3) COLLECT, CLASSIFY, AND ANALYZE RELEVANT RESEARCH INFORMATION AND DATA COLLECTED OR COMPILED BY:

(I) THE DEPARTMENT;

(II) THE DEPARTMENT IN COLLABORATION WITH OTHERS; AND

~~(III) THE MINORITY HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION; AND~~

~~(IV)~~ (III) OTHER PUBLIC AND PRIVATE ENTITIES;

(4) RESEARCH INNOVATIVE METHODS AND OBTAIN RESOURCES TO IMPROVE EXISTING DATA SYSTEMS TO ENSURE THAT THE HEALTH INFORMATION THAT IS COLLECTED INCLUDES SPECIFIC RACE AND ETHNICITY IDENTIFIERS;

(5) SERVE AS A CLEARINGHOUSE AND RESOURCE LIBRARY FOR INFORMATION ABOUT MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES DATA, STRATEGIES, SERVICES, AND PROGRAMS THAT ADDRESS MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES ISSUES;

(6) DEVELOP A STRATEGIC PLAN TO IMPROVE PUBLIC SERVICES AND PROGRAMS TARGETING MINORITIES;

(7) OBTAIN FUNDING AND, CONTINGENT UPON FUNDING, PROVIDE GRANTS TO COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS AND HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES TO CONDUCT SPECIAL RESEARCH, DEMONSTRATION, AND EVALUATION PROJECTS FOR TARGETED AT-RISK RACIAL AND ETHNIC