

~~(18)~~ (17) SEEK TO ESTABLISH A STATEWIDE ALLIANCE WITH COMMUNITY-BASED AGENCIES AND ORGANIZATIONS, HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, HEALTH CARE FACILITIES, HEALTH CARE PROVIDER ORGANIZATIONS, MANAGED CARE ORGANIZATIONS, AND PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURERS TO PROMOTE THE OBJECTIVES OF THE OFFICE;

~~(19)~~ (18) EVALUATE MULTICULTURAL OR RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITY HEALTH PROGRAMS IN OTHER STATES TO ASSESS THEIR EFFICACY AND POTENTIAL FOR REPLICATION IN THIS STATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE ADOPTION OF SUCH PROGRAMS, AS APPROPRIATE;

~~(20)~~ (19) APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT ANY GRANT OF MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, PRIVATE FOUNDATIONS, OR OTHER SOURCES WHICH MAY BE AVAILABLE FOR PROGRAMS RELATED TO MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES; ~~AND~~

~~(21)~~ (20) SERVE AS THE DESIGNATED STATE AGENCY FOR RECEIPT OF FEDERAL FUNDS SPECIFICALLY DESIGNATED FOR MINORITY HEALTH AND HEALTH DISPARITIES PROGRAMS; ~~AND~~

(21) WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE OFFICE OF MINORITY AFFAIRS AS THE OFFICE DETERMINES NECESSARY.

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~~(A) THERE IS A MINORITY HEALTH ADVISORY COMMISSION.~~

~~(B) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF 15 MEMBERS APPOINTED AS FOLLOWS:~~

~~(1) FIVE MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR FROM AMONG HEALTH RESEARCHERS, HEALTH PLANNERS, AND HEALTH PROFESSIONALS;~~

~~(2) FIVE MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, TWO OF WHOM SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF DELEGATES, AND THE REMAINDER OF WHOM SHALL BE REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY OF THE OCCUPATIONS OR PROFESSIONS LISTED IN ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND~~

~~(3) FIVE MEMBERS SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE, TWO OF WHOM SHALL BE MEMBERS OF THE SENATE, AND THE REMAINDER OF WHOM SHALL BE REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY OF THE OCCUPATIONS OR PROFESSIONS LISTED IN ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.~~

~~(C) THE COMMISSION SHALL ELECT A CHAIRPERSON FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS.~~

~~(D) MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION SHALL SERVE WITHOUT COMPENSATION, BUT SHALL BE REIMBURSED FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.~~

~~(E) THE OFFICE SHALL:~~

~~(1) HAVE A STAFF AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET; AND~~