

(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 MINORITY POPULATIONS AND TO SUPPORT ONGOING COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS THAT ARE DESIGNED TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE RACIAL AND ETHNIC HEALTH DISPARITIES IN THE STATE;

(8) DEVELOP CRITERIA FOR THE AWARDING OF GRANTS FOR PROGRAMS THAT ARE DESIGNED TO IMPROVE MINORITY HEALTH CARE;

(9) REVIEW EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS TO ENSURE THAT THEY FACILITATE THE PROVISION OF ADEQUATE HEALTH CARE TO THE MINORITIES OF THIS STATE;

(10) RECOMMEND TO THE SECRETARY ANY ADDITIONS OR CHANGES TO EXISTING LAWS AND REGULATIONS DESIGNED TO FACILITATE THE ADEQUATE PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE TO MINORITIES IN THIS STATE;

~~(11) EXAMINE THE FINANCING AND ACCESS TO HEALTH SERVICES FOR MARYLAND'S MINORITY POPULATIONS;~~

~~(12)~~ (11) IDENTIFY AND REVIEW HEALTH PROMOTION AND DISEASE PREVENTION STRATEGIES RELATING TO THE LEADING HEALTH CAUSES OF DEATH AND DISABILITY AMONG MINORITY POPULATIONS;

~~(13)~~ (12) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT MODEL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS IN RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITY COMMUNITIES FOR HEALTH AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS AND TO IMPROVE THE ACCESS, ACCEPTABILITY, AND USE OF PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES;