

(14) (13) DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE MOST EFFECTIVE MEANS OF PROVIDING OUTREACH TO RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITY COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE TO ENSURE THEIR MAXIMUM PARTICIPATION IN PUBLICLY FUNDED HEALTH BENEFITS PROGRAMS;

(15) (14) DEVELOP A STATEWIDE PLAN FOR INCREASING THE NUMBER OF RACIAL AND ETHNIC MINORITY HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS WHICH INCLUDES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FINANCING MECHANISMS AND RECRUITMENT STRATEGIES NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE PLAN;

(16) (15) WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH UNIVERSITIES AND COLLEGES OF MEDICINE, NURSING, PHARMACY, AND DENTISTRY IN THIS STATE AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING PROGRAMS TO DEVELOP COURSES WITH CULTURAL COMPETENCY, SENSITIVITY, AND HEALTH LITERACY, THAT ARE DESIGNED TO ADDRESS THE PROBLEM OF RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN HEALTH CARE ACCESS, UTILIZATION, TREATMENT DECISIONS, QUALITY, AND OUTCOMES;

(17) (16) WORK COLLABORATIVELY WITH THE MARYLAND HEALTH CARE DISPARITIES INITIATIVE, THE MORGAN-HOPKINS CENTER FOR HEALTH DISPARITIES SOLUTIONS, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND DISPARITY PROJECT, THE MONUMENTAL CITY MEDICAL SOCIETY, FACULTY AND RESEARCHERS AT HISTORICALLY BLACK COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES, AND AS WELL AS OTHER EXISTING ALLIANCES OR PLANS, TO REDUCE OR ELIMINATE RACIAL AND ETHNIC DISPARITIES IN THE STATE;

(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.~~