

~~(10) One individual with expertise on rate systems for community services in other states~~ One individual familiar with rate systems for community services in Maryland and in other states; and

(11) One representative from the Developmental Disabilities Council.

(c) The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall appoint the nondesignated members of the Task Force.

~~(d) The Task Force members shall elect a chair~~ Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene shall appoint the chair of the Task Force from its membership.

(e) The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(f) A member of the Task Force may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force but is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(g) On approval of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Department shall provide assistance to members requiring additional services to attend meetings of the Task Force.

(h) The Task Force shall:

(1) Review the existing rate system for community-based services funded by the Developmental Disabilities Administration and determine its strengths and weaknesses;

(2) Identify current mandates for service delivery;

(3) Consider costs as reported in the Developmental Disabilities Administration's cost report;

~~(4)~~ (4) Compare the cost of current mandates for service delivery to the level of funding provided by the State;

~~(5)~~ (5) ~~Identify~~ Consider promising practices in rate systems in other states that fund appropriate and individualized supports in a cost-effective manner, which are consistent with local and national best practices;

~~(6)~~ (6) Identify changes in the reimbursement system that further support self-directed services and implementation of best practices; and