

THE DEVELOPMENT OF CORE SERVICE AGENCIES AS A MECHANISM FOR COMMUNITY PLANNING, MANAGEMENT, FINANCING OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES.

(B) WHEN CORE SERVICE AGENCIES ARE INITIATED, THE SECRETARY SHALL:

(1) DEFINE THE PRIORITY POPULATIONS TO BE SERVED BY THE CORE SERVICE AGENCIES, WITH A SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO THE SERIOUSLY MENTALLY ILL POPULATIONS;

(2) DEFINE THE ESSENTIAL MENTAL HEALTH AND ASSOCIATED SUPPORT SERVICES TO BE PROVIDED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE CORE SERVICE AGENCIES;

(3) DEFINE THE ESSENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE ~~MENTAL HEALTH~~ FUNCTIONS TO BE CARRIED OUT BY CORE SERVICE AGENCIES; AND

(4) OUTLINE THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CORE SERVICE AGENCIES' GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE.

(C) TO ASSURE THE CONTINUING PROVISION OF APPROPRIATE SERVICES, THE SECRETARY SHALL:

(1) ANNUALLY REVIEW AND MAY APPROVE THE CORE SERVICE AGENCIES' PROGRAM PLAN;

(2) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES, ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN A FUNDING MECHANISM FOR THE CORE SERVICE AGENCIES WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS FOR INPATIENT SERVICES;

(3) DEVELOP A MECHANISM WHEREBY ANY UNEXPENDED FUNDS REMAINING AT THE END OF THE YEAR SHALL ~~REVERT TO~~ REMAIN WITH THE CORE SERVICE AGENCIES OR ~~TO~~ THE COMMUNITY PROVIDERS; ~~AND~~

(4) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES TO FACILITATE INTRAAGENCY AND INTERAGENCY LINKAGES AT STATE AND LOCAL LEVELS WITH THE CORE SERVICE AGENCIES; AND

(5) ESTABLISH PROCEDURES WITHIN THE MENTAL HYGIENE ADMINISTRATION FOR A PROCESS REGARDING PROGRAM, POLICY, OR CONTRACT DISPUTE.

(D) THE SECRETARY MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(E) IF A CORE SERVICE AGENCY VIOLATES ANY PROVISION OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE SECRETARY MAY DENY APPROVAL OF THE CORE SERVICE