

[(1)] To select the local director in the county in accordance with the provisions of § 13(b) of this article;

[(2)] (1) To advise the local director [and the State Director] as to the local application of State policies or procedures;

[(3)](2) To be well informed on local departmental activities;

[(4)](3) To communicate to the residents of the counties and of Baltimore City, as the case may be, broad and comprehensive information as to the objectives, policies, programs and problems of local social services and public assistance administration;

[(5)](4) To review the periodic evaluation of the local department which has been prepared by the State Administration [and its field supervisor or other employee,] and to consult with the local director as to the proper implementation of these recommendations, and of such other recommendations as may result from evaluation made by the local board or local commission of the operation of its local department;

[(6)](5) To review the annual report of the local director as to the activities of the local department, together with any changes in policies or procedures recommended by the local board, and to transmit it to the [State Director] SECRETARY OF HUMAN RESOURCES and to its local governing authority;

[(7)](6) To review and make suitable recommendations in connection with the annual estimate of funds needed for social services and public assistance purposes in the counties and in Baltimore City, as the case may be;

[(8)](7) To consult with the local director with respect to any new service that might be instituted by said director or by the local board or local commission to meet an unmet need in the county and in Baltimore City, as the case may be, and to approve or disapprove the local director's evaluation of the readiness of the local department to take on the new service and the propriety of it within the State plan; and to present to the State Administration suggested new services that it approves, whether these originate from the local director or from the local board or local commission, together with the recommendations of both the local director and the local board or local commission;

[(9)](8) To take active steps to secure the appropriation of local funds by the local governing authority to meet needs not financed by or available through any other federal, State or local plan, project or program, and which are not in conflict with the State plan;

[(10)](9) To meet with the Secretary of [Employment and Social Services or the State Director] HUMAN RESOURCES periodically, as may be requested by the Secretary of [Employment and Social Services or the State Director] THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES or at the request of the local board or local commission; [and

(11)](10) To establish and maintain effective liaison with the respective local governing authority;