2. 5. THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS;

AND

- <u>3.</u> <u>6.</u> <u>A REPRESENTATIVE OF A LOCAL EDUCATION</u> AGENCY AGENCIES.
- (HI) (5) THE SPECIAL SECRETARY OF THE OFFICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES SHALL SERVE AS CHAIR CHAIRPERSON OF THE COMMITTEE.
- (5) (6) IN DEVELOPING THE PLAN REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION, THE COMMITTEE SHALL CONSULT WITH THE FOLLOWING:
- (I) <u>REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL PLANNING ENTITIES</u>
  <u>AS DESCRIBED DESIGNATED UNDER § 11 OF THIS ARTICLE;</u>
  - (II) REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:
    - 1. LOCAL GOVERNMENTS;
    - 2. LOCAL DEPARTMENTS OF SOCIAL SERVICES; AND
    - 3. LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS;
  - (III) PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS;
- (IV) PRIVATE RESIDENTIAL AND DAY SERVICES PROVIDERS;
  - (V) CHILD ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS;
- (VI) FORMER CONSUMERS OF SPECIAL NEEDS SERVICES WHO ARE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OF AGE;
- (VII) A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HEALTH RESOURCES PLANNING COMMISSION; AND
- (VIII) ANY OTHER PERSONS PERSON THE SPECIAL SECRETARY OF THE OFFICE FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES CONSIDERS DEEMS NECESSARY.
- (C) (1) UNTIL THE PLAN DEVELOPED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION IS FULLY IMPLEMENTED, A LOCAL OR STATE AGENCY MAY APPROVE A NEW OUT-OF-STATE PLACEMENT OF ANY CHILD ONLY IF:
- (I) THE OUT-OF-STATE PLACEMENT IS CLOSER IN DISTANCE
  TO THE CHILD'S HOME THAN AN ALTERNATIVE IN-STATE PLACEMENT;
- (II) AN EQUALLY APPROPRIATE INDIVIDUALIZED IN-STATE PROGRAM IS NOT AVAILABLE FOR THE CHILD FOR UP TO 100% OF THE AVERAGE COST PER PLACEMENT FOR ALL APPROPRIATE OUT-OF-STATE PROGRAMS FOR WHICH APPLICATION WOULD BE MADE ON BEHALF OF THE CHILD; OR