

(C) THE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR SHALL BE THE CHAIR OF THE ADVISORY BOARD.

(D) THE DEPARTMENTS OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS SHALL PROVIDE STAFF FOR THE ADVISORY BOARD.

(E) A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY BOARD MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY BOARD, BUT IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(F) A MAJORITY OF THE FULL MEMBERSHIP OF THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL CONSTITUTE A QUORUM.

(G) THE ADVISORY BOARD MAY ACT ON ANY MATTER WITH THE AUTHORIZATION OF A MAJORITY OF THE QUORUM PRESENT AND VOTING.

(H) THE ADVISORY BOARD SHALL:

(1) CONDUCT AN IMMEDIATE ANALYSIS OF THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS OF VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES;

(2) IDENTIFY THE GAPS IN BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES AVAILABLE TO VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES;

(3) IDENTIFY IMPEDIMENTS TO THE ABILITY OF VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES TO ACCESS THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES THAT ARE AVAILABLE, PARTICULARLY IN THE STATE'S RURAL AREAS;

(4) FACILITATE COLLABORATION AMONG ORGANIZATIONS AND ENTITIES, INCLUDING HOSPITALS, THAT PROVIDE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES TO VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES;

(5) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS WITH RESPECT TO IMPROVING OUTREACH TO VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES IN NEED OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES;

(6) PROMOTE FEDERAL AND STATE COLLABORATION TO MAXIMIZE FUNDING AND ACCESS TO RESOURCES FOR THE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH NEEDS OF VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES;