

~~(D) (1) THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE SHALL:~~

~~(I) CHAIR THE TASK FORCE;~~

~~(II) ESTABLISH SUBCOMMITTEES AND APPOINT SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIRS AS NECESSARY TO FACILITATE THE WORK OF THE TASK FORCE; AND~~

~~(III) PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT FOR THE TASK FORCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT.~~

~~(2) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, THE MEMBERS APPOINTED TO THE TASK FORCE SHALL REASONABLY REFLECT THE GEOGRAPHIC, RACIAL, ETHNIC, CULTURAL, AND GENDER DIVERSITY OF THE STATE.~~

~~(3) IN PERFORMING ITS DUTIES, THE TASK FORCE SHALL INVITE ALL INTERESTED GROUPS TO PRESENT TESTIMONY OR OTHER INFORMATION TO THE TASK FORCE CONCERNING THE ISSUES TO BE STUDIED BY THE TASK FORCE.~~

~~(E) THE TASK FORCE SHALL:~~

~~(1) DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE DEVELOPMENT AND PILOTING OF A CHRONIC CARE AND PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM IN THE STATE;~~

~~(2) RECOMMEND THE SIZE AND GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF REGIONS OF THE STATE TO SERVE AS TERRITORIES FOR THE CHRONIC CARE AND PREVENTION PARTNERSHIPS SERVING THE STATE, INCLUDING ANY COMBINATION OF COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, HOSPITALS, OR ANY OTHER ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE THAT MAY PROVIDE AN AUTONOMOUS COMMUNITY BASE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND DELIVERY OF CHRONIC CARE AND PREVENTION SERVICES;~~

~~(3) PROPOSE ONE REGION TO SERVE AS A PILOT PROJECT FOR A REGIONAL CHRONIC CARE AND PREVENTION PARTNERSHIP;~~

~~(4) IDENTIFY PHYSICIANS, CLINICS, HOSPITALS, AND INSURANCE CARRIER PLANS THAT SERVE MEDICAID OR MARYLAND CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM PATIENTS AND SOLICIT THEIR PARTICIPATION; AND~~