

(1) Periodically review with the advice and assistance of the regional mental health director [available] THE AVAILABILITY AND QUALITY OF services, INCLUDING AFTERCARE, and facilities and determine local mental health program needs;

(2) Advise and report annually to the local health officer, the appropriate governing body, and through the regional mental health director to the [Commissioner] SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT of Mental Hygiene on progress of the local mental health program and of actions needed for further improvements; and

(3) Make recommendations for appropriate allocation of funds in accordance with agreed upon priorities and consideration of financial resources (private, public, and State).

(f) The [Commissioner of Mental Hygiene with the approval of the Board of Health and Mental Hygiene] SECRETARY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE shall prepare and periodically revise the comprehensive mental health plan for mental health services, which plan includes: (1) an inventory of mental health resources in the State; (2) a statement of the needs of the various areas for services [and]; (3) an indication of the priorities of the different services needed; AND (4) CRITERIA FOR IMPLEMENTING QUALITY PRECARE, CARE AND AFTERCARE SERVICES.

(i) The health officer for each county and for Baltimore City shall be responsible for the local mental health services program and shall:

(1) Consult with the local regional mental health director in planning for various program components;

(2) Prepare with the advice of the regional mental health director an annual plan and budget for provision of services, INCLUDING AFTERCARE, establishment of facilities, contracting for services or facilities and other matters necessary or desirable to accomplish the purposes of the act;

(3) Assure that the qualifications of personnel and the quality of professional services rendered meet the standards prescribed by the [Commissioner of Mental Hygiene with the approval of the] Secretary of THE DEPARTMENT OF Health and Mental Hygiene;

(4) Exercise general supervision over mental health services and facilities furnished, operated, or supported by his department;

(5) Submit an annual report to the advisory committee and the governing body on all activities of the program including a financial accounting of expenditures