

68-10-118. AIDS Centers of Excellence established - Committee membership - Terms - Compensation and reimbursement.

(a) Subject to annual appropriations made available to the state by the United States Public Health Service through Part B (Title II) of the Ryan White CARE Act (42 U.S.C. § 300ff-21 et seq.), the commissioner of health shall establish an AIDS Center of Excellence advisory committee to advise the department of health in the designation of AIDS Centers of Excellence, provide quality assurance monitoring for the centers, and the establishment and review of policies for continuation of the AIDS Centers of Excellence. If, in any fiscal year, federal funding for the committee is eliminated or reduced, then such committee shall cease to exist in accordance with the provisions of title 4, chapter 29.

(b) The committee shall be appointed by the commissioner of health, and shall be composed of the commissioner of health or the commissioner's designee, who shall serve as chair; the director of communicable and environmental disease services within the Tennessee department of health; three (3) physicians licensed in the state of Tennessee, each representing a grand division of the state and actively involved in the delivery of HIV/AIDS care; an attorney licensed in the state of Tennessee; a nurse licensed in the state of Tennessee and actively involved in the delivery of HIV/AIDS care; a social worker licensed in the state of Tennessee and actively involved in the delivery of HIV/AIDS care; and two (2) at-large members currently living with HIV/AIDS.

(c) The members' appointments shall be staggered as follows: four (4) members to be appointed for a term of three (3) years; two (2) members for a term of four (4) years; and the remaining members for a term of two (2) years. Any member appointed to fill a vacancy for an unexpired term shall serve the remainder of that term.

(d) The committee shall meet as frequently as the commissioner deems necessary, but not less than once each year. The committee members shall receive no compensation but will be reimbursed for travel expenses incurred in carrying out their duties as members of this committee. All reimbursements for travel expenses shall be in accordance with the provisions of the comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the department of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.

[Acts 2001, ch. 294, § 1.]