10A NCAC 28G .0103 REVIEW BY THE REGIONAL PLACEMENT COMMITTEE

(a) Upon receipt of the evaluation of a prospective client, the regional placement committee shall review the evaluation in order to determine whether placement in the program would be appropriate for the prospective client. Such determination shall be made by the committee within 30 days.

(b) In considering appropriateness for placement, the committee shall determine the following:

- (1) that the child is considered seriously emotionally disturbed, and either multi-handicapped or chronically impaired;
- (2) that the child is between the ages of 10 and 18;
- (3) that community and other residential placement have been considered and have been judged inappropriate; and
- (4) that placement in the program is the least restrictive, appropriate environment.

(c) The regional placement committee shall recommend placement to the Director of the Division of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities and Substance Abuse Services. Upon review and approval by the Division director, the Director of the program shall accept the child for placement. Placement shall be made within two weeks of acceptance, if space is available. If no space is immediately available, the estimated length of time until the next opening shall be conveyed to the regional placement committee.

(d) Placement in the program shall be limited to two children per region per group, unless this limitation is waived by the Division director.

(e) Only children recommended by the regional placement committee may be placed in the program except that the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services may place children pursuant to G.S. 7A-652(e).

(f) Priority for admission shall be given to Willie M. class members according to the provisions of 10A NCAC 29A .0101 through .0106 which are available in division publication APSR 45-8.

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