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17	(2) ORGANIZATIONThe Office of Minority Health,
18	established within the Department of Health under s. 20.43(9),
19	shall be headed by a director who shall report directly to the
20	Surgeon General.
21	(3) DUTIESThe office shall:
22	(a) Protect and promote the health and well-being of
23	racial and ethnic populations in the state.
24	(b) Focus on the issue of health disparities between
25	racial and ethnic minority groups and the general population.
26	(c) Coordinate the department's initiatives, programs, and
27	policies to address racial and ethnic health disparities.
28	(d) Communicate pertinent health information to affected
29	racial and ethnic populations.
30	(e) Collect and analyze data on the incidence and
31	frequency of racial and ethnic health disparities.
32	(f) Promote and encourage cultural competence education
33	and training for healthcare professionals.
34	(g) Serve as a clearinghouse for the collection and
35	dissemination of information and research findings relating to
36	innovative approaches to the reduction or elimination of health
37	disparities.
38	(h) Dedicate resources to increase public awareness of
39	minority health issues.
40	(i) Seek increased funding for local innovative
41	initiatives and administer grants designed to support
42	initiatives that address health disparities and that can be
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45 46	(k) Coordinate with other agencies, states, and the			
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47	Federal Government to reduce or eliminate health disparities.			
48	(1) Collaborate with other public healthcare providers,			
49	community and faith-based organizations, the private healthcare			
50	system, historically black colleges and universities and other			
51	minority institutions of higher education, medical schools, and			
52	other health providers to establish a comprehensive and			
53	inclusive approach to reducing health disparities.			
54	(m) Encourage and support research into causes of racial			
55	and ethnic health disparities.			
56	(n) Collaborate with health professional training programs			
57	to increase the number of minority healthcare professionals.			
58	(o) Provide an annual report to the Governor, the			
59	President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of			
60	Representatives on the activities of the office.			
61	(4) RESPONSIBILITY AND COORDINATIONThe office and the			
62	department shall direct and carry out the duties established			
63	under this section and shall work with other state agencies in			
64	accomplishing these tasks.			
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- 73 Office of Minority Health; providing legislative intent;
- 74 providing for organization, duties, and responsibilities;
- 75 requiring a report to the Governor and Legislature; providing an
- 76 effective date.