§ 2777. Research council. 1. There shall be established within the institute a research council composed of seven members to be appointed by the commissioner. The members shall be representative of recognized centers engaged in the scientific investigation of acquired immunosuppressive diseases.

2. The research council shall be responsible for making recommendations to the institute for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of paragraphs (a) and (b) of subdivision one of section twenty-seven hundred seventy-six of this article.

3. The council shall meet at least four times a year. Special meetings may be called by the chairman, and shall be called by him at the request of the commissioner.

4. The members of the council shall receive no compensation for their services, but shall be allowed their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties hereunder.