§ 2778. Advisory council. 1. There shall be established within the institute an advisory council composed of seventeen members who shall be appointed in the following manner: three shall be appointed by the temporary president of the senate and one by the minority leader of the senate; three shall be appointed by the speaker of the assembly and one by the minority leader of the assembly; nine shall be appointed by the governor. The governor shall designate the chairman of the advisory council. The members of the council shall be representative of the public, educational and medical institutions, local health departments and nonprofit organizations, including organizations providing services to high risk populations.

2. The advisory council shall be responsible for advising the commissioner with respect to the implementation of this article and shall make recommendations to the institute for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of paragraphs (c), (d) and (e) of subdivision one of section twenty-seven hundred seventy-six hereof.

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.