Section 18-506. Statewide Steering Committee on Services for Adults with Sickle Cell Disease.

(a) "Steering Committee" defined. -- In this section, "Steering Committee" means the Statewide Steering Committee on Services for Adults with Sickle Cell Disease.

(b) Established. -- There is a Statewide Steering Committee on Services for Adults with Sickle Cell Disease.

(c) Members. -- The Steering Committee shall include representatives from:

1. Local and national groups that advocate for individuals with sickle cell disease;
2. Interest and support groups for individuals with sickle cell disease;
3. Community and consumer groups;
4. Academic and private clinical settings with knowledge and experience caring for adults with sickle cell disease;
5. Area hospitals caring for individuals with sickle cell disease; and
6. Pediatric clinics that care for children with sickle cell disease.

(d) Duties. -- The Steering Committee shall:

1. Establish institution and community partnerships;
2. Establish a statewide network of stakeholders who care for individuals with sickle cell disease;
3. Educate individuals with sickle cell disease, the public, and health care providers about the State options for care of sickle cell disease; and
4. Identify funding sources for implementing or supporting the actions, studies, policies, regulations, or laws recommended by the Steering Committee, including funding from:
   (i) State, federal, and local government sources; and
   (ii) Private sources.