**Section 428.75 African-American Family Commission**

a) There shall be an African-American Family Commission to advocate and promote family preservation and community advancement by developing and recommending to the Department culturally specific child welfare policies and practices that will strengthen African-American families and communities.

b) There shall be thirty members appointed by the Governor, each serving for a term of two years. Members shall be selected on a statewide basis but shall be predominately (85 percent) residents of Cook County. Members shall have a working knowledge of the child welfare system in Illinois, shall be representative of a variety of human service and related disciplines, and shall be representative of a partnership and collaborative effort between child welfare agencies, community based agencies and organizations and leadership from the public/private sector and the community. The Director shall serve as an ex-officio member of the Commission.

c) The chairperson(s) shall be appointed by the Governor from among the members of the Commission.

(Source: Added at 21 Ill. Reg. 15474, effective December 15, 1997)