

offered to all retarded individuals and their families residing in the nine counties of the Eastern Shore. Education, training, and habilitation services and programs are provided both in the Center and the community for the facility's retarded residents (Code Health—General Article, sec. 7-305).

CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD FOR HOLLY CENTER
Mary Lou Chandler, *Chairperson*, 1995

The seven members of the Board are appointed to four-year terms by the Governor upon recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene.

WESTERN MARYLAND REGION

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The Regional Director for the Western Maryland Region oversees administration of community-based services, Brandenburg Center, and Potomac Center.

BRANDENBURG CENTER

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Opened in 1978 as the Thomas B. Finan Center—Mental Retardation Unit, the Center came to be known as Western Maryland II. In 1981, the Center was renamed in memory of Joseph D. Brandenburg, a Cumberland resident who distinguished himself through years of service to the mentally retarded.

Brandenburg Center is a multipurpose health facility serving the residential needs of retarded adults in Allegany and Garrett counties. The Center provides occupational, physical, speech and hearing therapies; social services; and medical supervision for its clients. It habitates clients so they may return to the community. The Center is funded for a daily average of 48 people. (Code Health—General Article, sec. 7-305).

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD FOR
BRANDENBURG CENTER**

Albert A. Coviello, *Chairperson*, 1997

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POTOMAC CENTER

Steven J. Smith, *Director*

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The Potomac Center originated in 1978 as Western Maryland I—Mental Retardation Center. It became the Potomac Center in 1981. The Center serves as a residence for mentally retarded persons

from Frederick, Washington, Allegany and Garrett counties (Code Health—General Article, sec. 7-305). The Center provides comprehensive habilitative services to expedite the return of clients to a less restrictive environment.

The Center serves mentally retarded persons of all ages at all levels of retardation, except those with severe medical or behavioral problems. It is funded to serve a daily average of 117 people.

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD FOR
POTOMAC CENTER**

Kermit A. Hoffman, *Chairperson*

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**LOCAL & FAMILY HEALTH
ADMINISTRATION**

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The Local and Family Health Administration originated from two agencies. The first was formed in 1969 as the Local Health Services Administration. By 1973, it was reorganized as the Local Health and Professional Support Services Administration and, by 1977, as the Local Health Administration. The second agency was the Family Health Administration formed in 1987. The Local Health Administration and the Family Health Administration were merged in 1989 to form the Local and Family Health Administration.

The Administration oversees the local health departments in each county and Baltimore City to ensure that basic public health services are provided in all parts of the State. Under the direction of a local health officer, each local health department provides these services and administers and enforces State and local health laws and regulations in its jurisdiction. Programs meet the public health needs of the community and provide services not offered by the private sector. The health officer is jointly appointed by the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene and the local governing body.

Under the Administration are nine offices: Planning, Evaluation, and Program Development; Health Promotion Education and Tobacco Use Prevention; Child Health; Children's Medical Services; Chronic Disease Prevention; Hereditary Disorders; Management Services; Maternal Health and Family Planning; and Women, Infants, and Children. The Administration also oversees Deer's Head Center; Western Maryland Center; the State Advisory Council on Arthritis and Related Dis-