
PATUXENT INSTITUTION

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Authorized in 1951, Patuxent Institution opened in 1955 under administration by the Department of Correction (Chapter 476, Acts of 1951). The Institution became an autonomous agency under the control of the Board of Patuxent Institution in 1961 (Chapter 629, Acts of 1961). In 1970, the Institution was made part of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services (Chapter 401, Acts of 1970). Patuxent's status has continued as an institution separate from the Division of Correction, and it has retained its own board.

Patuxent Institution provides treatment and rehabilitation programs and services for eligible prisoners. The Institution offers medical, psychiatric, psychological and social casework services, as well as academic, vocational, recreational and religious services. Treatment also is provided for individuals on preparole and parole status.

The Commissioner of Correction may refer a prisoner to Patuxent Institution for evaluation when so recommended by the sentencing court, the State's Attorney of the jurisdiction in which the person was last sentenced, or the staff of the Division of Correction. The Commissioner also may refer prisoners in response to their applications. Each prisoner referred is transferred to the Institution for evaluation by a team consisting of at least three professional employees of the Institution, including at least one psychiatrist, one psychologist, and one social worker or behavioral scientist. The evaluation team assembles and reviews relevant information and examines the prisoner. The team then determines whether the individual is eligible and states its findings in a report to the Director. If not eligible, the prisoner is returned to the Division of Correction to continue his sentence. If eligible, the prisoner remains at Patuxent Institution for treatment.

To provide for continuation of treatment, the Institution operates a community clinic in metropolitan Baltimore. Here, clinic staff offer psychotherapy, job and family counseling, and social casework services for individuals and families. At the community clinic, the Institution operates a halfway house. This residence provides housing and supportive services for parolees who have no support in the community. Some work-release inmates also live in the halfway house.

Appointed by the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, the Director is chief administrator of the Institution. Of three Associate Directors, one must be a psychiatrist and one a behavioral scientist. They assist primarily in diagnosis and treatment. The third Associate Director assists in the field of

custody. By law, the staff also must include at least three additional psychiatrists or clinical psychologists, at least four trained social workers, a physician, and a dentist (Code 1957, Art. 31B).

*BOARD OF REVIEW*Betty J. Humphrey, D.P.A., *Chairperson*, 1994

The Institutional Board of Review for Patuxent Institution was created in 1951 (Chapter 476, Acts of 1951). The Board was reorganized and renamed as the Board of Review in 1989 (Chapter 6, Acts of 1989).

At least annually, the Board reviews the status of each inmate at Patuxent Institution. The Board may grant leave or parole and, if it determines that the individual is no longer eligible for the Institution's programs, it may order the individual transferred to the jurisdiction of the Commissioner of Correction. If a person has successfully completed three years probation without violation, the Board may petition the court to suspend or vacate the remaining sentence.

The Board is composed of nine members. They include the Director and three Associate Directors of Patuxent Institution. The Governor, with Senate advice and consent, appoints five members of the general public to serve terms of four years on the Board. One appointed member represents a victims' rights organization. The Governor designates the chairperson (Code 1957, Art. 31B, sec. 6).

*CITIZENS' ADVISORY BOARD*Thomas F. Courtless, *Chairperson*

The Citizens' Advisory Board for Patuxent Institution was created in 1989 (Chapter 6, Acts of 1989). The Board advises the Director of Patuxent Institution and the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services on the operation and programs of Patuxent Institution (Code 1957, Art. 31B, sec. 3).

MARYLAND PAROLE COMMISSION

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The Maryland Parole Commission originated in 1914 as the Advisory Board of Parole (Chapter 500, Acts of 1914). In 1922, Board functions were assumed by the Parole Commissioner (Chapter 29, Acts of 1922). The Board of Parole and Probation succeeded the Parole Commissioner in 1939 (Chapter 406, Acts of 1939). In 1968, the Board of Parole and Probation was reformed as the Board of Parole (Chapter 457, Acts of 1968). It was replaced by the Maryland Parole Commission in 1976 (Chapter 540, Acts of 1976).