

The Administration operates eight facilities: Brandenburg Center, Victor Cullen Center, Great Oaks Center, Highland Health Facility Mental Retardation Unit, Holly Center, Potomac Center, Rosewood Center, and the Mental Retardation Unit of the Walter P. Carter Community Mental Health and Retardation Center. The Community Services Advisory Commission, the Advisory Council for the Program for Hearing-Impaired Infants, and numerous citizens advisory boards also serve the Administration.

BRANDENBURG CENTER

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Opened in 1978 as the Thomas B. Finan Center—Mental Retardation Unit, the Center adopted its present name in 1981. Brandenburg Center is a multipurpose health facility serving the residential needs of retarded adults in Allegany and Garrett counties (Code 1957, Art. 59A, sec. 19).

The Center provides occupational, physical, speech, and hearing therapies; social services; and medical supervision for its clients. It habituates clients so they may return to the community. The Center is funded for an average daily population of 48 people. (Code Health—General Article, sec. 7-305).

CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD FOR BRANDENBURG CENTER

Chairperson: Albert Coviello, 1989

Wilba McLaughlin, 1989; Betty June Dougan, 1990; Randjit S. Dhillon, 1991; Kevin Kelly, 1991; Suzanne Brandenburg, 1992; Joseph F. Yutzy, 1992.

The Governor, upon recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, appoints the Board's seven members to four-year terms.

WALTER P. CARTER CENTER, MENTAL RETARDATION UNIT

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The Mental Retardation Unit at the Walter P. Carter Center offers an intensive behavior management program for clients with special behavior problems. The program seeks to eliminate the need for returning developmentally disabled persons to institutional care.

Overseen by the Developmental Disabilities Administration, the Unit provides inpatient services for an average daily population of 11 persons. Inpatient care is designed for mentally retarded persons who have challenging behaviors and need intensive short-term services to return to the community. The Unit also supervises forensic evaluations and conducts public policy research for the Developmental Disabilities Administration.

For community service providers, the Unit provides training in areas such as medication management and management of disruptive behaviors. Additionally, the Unit serves as an audiovisual and training resource center for community service providers funded by the Developmental Disabilities Administration (Code Health—General Article, sec. 10-406).

CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD FOR WALTER P. CARTER CENTER, MENTAL RETARDATION UNIT

Chairperson: Kenneth N. Oliver, 1991

Mental Retardation Board: Doris H. Silver, 1988; *five vacancies.*

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.

VICTOR CULLEN CENTER

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Origins of the Victor Cullen Center date to 1908, when the State Sanatorium was established. In 1949, the Board of Public Works renamed the Sanatorium as the Victor Cullen State Hospital, a tuberculosis hospital under the oversight of the State Department of Health. In 1965, the Victor Cullen School was established as a training school for male minors under the State Department of Public Welfare (Chapter 818, Acts of 1965). The School, in 1967, became part of the Juvenile Services Administration. In January 1974, it was transferred from the jurisdiction of Juvenile Services to what is now the Developmental Disabilities Administration. The School was then renamed the Victor Cullen Center.

The Center is oriented toward a nonmedical model of education, training, and habilitation for its severely and profoundly retarded residents. Residents are prepared to return to the community within a five-year period by individualized programs designed to achieve that goal. Services are provided by doctors, dentists, speech therapists, occupational therapists, physical therapists, and pharmacists in the local community. More than half of the residents attend day training in the community. The Center is budgeted for an average daily