

STATE HEALTH RESOURCES PLANNING COMMISSION

Chairperson: Carville M. Akehurst, 1990

Appointed by Governor: Vivian C. Bailey, 1988; Pamela Brewington, 1988; Philip L. Jones, 1988; F. Perry Smith, Jr., 1988; James T. Estes, M.D., 1989; Mary Etta Mills, Sc.D., 1989; Dominic B. Raino, 1989; Harvey R. Wertlieb, 1989; Walter Joseph Hall, 1990; Patricia Joan Horsey, 1990; Francis A. Pommert, Jr., 1990; Nick Rajacich, 1990.

Ex officio: Mack Bonner, Jr., M.D., M.P.H., *designee of Secretary of Health & Mental Hygiene*

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In 1982, the State Health Resources Planning Commission replaced the State Health Planning and Development Agency (Chapter 108, Acts of 1982). The Commission promotes the development of a health care system that provides quality care at reasonable cost for all citizens. The Commission plans the development of quality health services within each health service area to meet current and future needs; identifies essential resources; and encourages the effective use of those resources. The Commission advocates policies and systems for efficient access to services, including acute, long-term, mental health, primary care, and community alternatives. The Commission also coordinates its work with the State Health Services Cost Review Commission and assesses the impact of plans and projects on total health care costs to Maryland and its citizens. In addition, the Commission prepares the State Health Plan and conducts the Certificate of Need program to assure that institutions meet standards of public need before building or constructing new facilities.

The Commission consists of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene or designee, and thirteen members appointed to four-year terms by the Governor. Five members represent local health planning agencies, six represent health care providers, and two represent the general public. The Governor designates the chairperson. The Executive Director is appointed by the Commission with the approval of the Governor.

The law creating the Commission also established local health planning agencies to serve health service areas designated by the Governor. These agencies are required to assure broad citizen representation on their boards and in their activities, formulate local health plans, and help develop statewide criteria and standards for Certificate of Need and health planning. Local agencies also may

testify at evidentiary hearings or submit recommendations on the evaluation of Certificate of Need applications. Presently, the following areas are served by designated local agencies: 1) Western Maryland counties of Garrett, Allegany, Washington, Frederick and Carroll, served by Western Maryland Health Planning Agency; 2) Montgomery County; 3) Southern Maryland counties of Prince George's, Charles, Calvert and St. Mary's, served by Southern Maryland Health Systems Agency; 4) Central Maryland area of Baltimore City and Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Harford and Howard counties; and 5) Eastern Shore counties of Cecil, Kent, Queen Anne's, Talbot, Caroline and Dorchester, served by Chesapeake Health Planning System (Code Health—General Article, secs. 19-103 through 19-122).

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The Division of Boards and Commissions was reorganized in 1986 as the Office of Boards and Commissions Programs. The Office is responsible for the examination, licensing, regulation, and surveillance of health professionals in Maryland.

Under the Office of Boards and Commissions Programs are twenty-three licensing and regulatory boards and commissions. They include the State Anatomy Board, State Commission on Arthritis and Related Diseases, State Board of Examiners for Audiologists, State Board of Chiropractic Examiners, State Board of Dental Examiners, State Board of Dietetic Practice, State Board of Electrologists, State Commission on Hereditary and Congenital Disorders, State Commission on High Blood Pressure and Related Cardiovascular Risk Factors, State Commission on Kidney Disease, State Board of Morticians, State Board of Nursing, State Board of Examiners of Nursing Home Administrators, State Board of Occupational Therapy Practice, State Board of Examiners in Optometry, State Board of Pharmacy, State Commission on Physical Fitness, State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners, State Board of Podiatric Medical Examiners, State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, State Board of Examiners of Psychologists, State Board of Social Work Examiners, and State Board of Examiners for Speech-Language Pathologists. The State Board of Physician Quality Assurance receives staff support from the Office of Boards and Commissions Programs but is separate from the Office.