

tion in 1987. The Office has broad responsibilities for making a wide variety of laboratory tests to help physicians and health officials prevent, diagnose, and control human diseases. The Office performs examinations in connection with the enforcement of State health laws, and the chemical, microbiological, and radiological surveillance of the environment related to foods, waters, sewage, air, pharmaceuticals, hazardous wastes, and bedding and upholstery. Laboratory tests are conducted to support State occupational safety and health regulations and to enforce pure food and drug laws.

The Office licenses all medical laboratories, tissue banks, and physician office laboratories to ensure that they comply with standards and personnel qualifications. It also certifies and periodically inspects laboratories that examine water and dairy products for shipment out of Maryland. In addition to a central laboratory in Baltimore, the Office oversees eight branch labs throughout the State.

**LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

*Vacancy, Chairperson*

*Appointed by Secretary of Health & Mental Hygiene:*  
not yet appointed

225-6100

Authorized in 1989, the Laboratory Advisory Committee advises the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene on matters relating to medical laboratories (Chapter 330, Acts of 1989).

The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene appoints the Committee and designates the chair.

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**LOCAL & FAMILY HEALTH  
ADMINISTRATION**

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Chinnadurai Devadason, M.D., D.P.H., *Director*  
Alan Baker, *Deputy Director*

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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 Maryland 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 seven main offices: Child Health Services; Children's Medical Services; Chronic Disease Prevention; Hereditary Disorders; Management Services; Maternal Health and Family Planning; and Women, Infants, and Children.

**DIVISION OF DENTAL HEALTH**

Harold Goodman, D.M.D., M.P.H., *Chief*  
225-6789

The Division of Dental Health originated in 1929 and has been part of the Local and Family Health Administration since 1989.

**DEER'S HEAD CENTER**

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Authorized by Chapter 994, Acts of 1945, Deer's Head Center was established in 1950. It is a regional facility for chronically ill and elderly adults in need of medical and rehabilitation services, or general medical care for chronic disease or terminal illness. The Center also operates a kidney dialysis facility for area residents.

Deer's Head Center provides the services of a chronic disease hospital (including a small hospice service) and a comprehensive care facility, as well as outpatient and end-stage kidney dialysis, and outpatient rehabilitation therapy. The licensed capacity for the Center is 188 hospital beds and 33 comprehensive care beds (Code Health—General Article, sec. 19-502).

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD FOR DEER'S HEAD  
CENTER**

Louise L. Gulyas, *Chairperson*, 1992

*Appointed by Governor upon recommendation of Secretary of Health & Mental Hygiene:* Oscar J. Chapman, Ph.D., 1991; Richard L. Hamilton, 1992; Samuel Q. Johnson III, 1992; William D. Waters, Sr., 1992; Mary Elizabeth Ellis, 1993; A. Elaine Brown, 1994.

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

**MONTEBELLO CENTER**

James E. Ross, *Director*

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Authorized by Chapter 412, Acts of 1951, the Montebello Center opened in 1953. Montebello is a comprehensive care rehabilitation center, accredited by the Commission of Accreditation of