

**PSYCHIATRIST ASSISTANT ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

Sheila K. Riggs, *Chairperson*

Appointed by State Board of Physician Quality Assurance: Robert F. Ward, M.D.

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The Physician Assistant Advisory Committee was created within the State Board of Medical Examiners in 1986 (Chapter 759, Acts of 1986). The Committee became part of the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance in 1988 (Chapter 109, Acts of 1988). The Committee recommends to the Board regulations for the certification of physician assistants. The Committee also recommends to the Board the approval, modification, or disapproval of an application for certification. The Committee may report to the Board any alleged unauthorized practice of a physician assistant, or any conduct of a supervising physician or a physician assistant that may be cause for disciplinary action.

To perform delegated medical acts, a physician assistant must obtain an approved job description from the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance. The Committee evaluates the qualifications of the physician assistant for delegated medical acts to be performed under that job description. After a personal interview with the physician assistant and supervising physician, the Committee recommends that the Board approve, modify, or reject the application for a job description. The Board, on review of the Committee's recommendation, may approve, modify, or deny a request for certification.

The Committee consists of seven members appointed to one-year terms by the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance. Of these, three are licensed physicians, three are certified physician assistants, and one is a consumer. The licensed physician members must include at least one specialist in general surgery or a surgical subspecialty, and at least one specialist in internal medicine, family practice, or a similar primary care specialty (Code Health Occupations Article, secs. 14.5-101 through 14.5-502).

The Psychiatrist Assistant Advisory Committee was established in 1981 within the State Board of Medical Examiners. The Committee advises the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance concerning the profession of psychiatrist assistant in matters such as examination and certification, regulations, and standards of professional conduct.

**RESPIRATORY CARE PROFESSIONAL
STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

Gary M. Evans, R.R.T., *Chairperson*

Appointed by State Board of Physician Quality Assurance: Joseph J. Colella, Jr., M.D.; Nathan B. Fradin; Larry C. Greaver, R.R.T.; Sandra Montgomery, R.R.T.; Penelop Scott, M.D.; Martin Sheridan, M.D.

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Authorized in 1988, the Respiratory Care Professional Standards Committee was formed in 1990 (Chapter 127, Acts of 1988). The Committee advises the State Board of Physician Quality Assurance on regulations governing the practice of respiratory care, and the approval, modification, or disapproval of an application for certification. The Committee refers to the Board any allegation of unauthorized practice by a respiratory care practitioner or of any conduct by a supervising physician or respiratory care practitioner that may be cause for disciplinary action.

DEFUNCT DEPARTMENTAL AGENCIES

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD FOR
HIGHLAND HEALTH FACILITY MENTAL
RETARDATION UNIT**

The Board ceased to function when Highland Health Facility Mental Retardation Unit closed in June 1989.

FAMILY HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

In 1989, the Family Health Administration merged with the Local Health Administration to form the Local and Family Health Administration.

**HIGHLAND HEALTH FACILITY MENTAL
RETARDATION UNIT**

At the end of June 1989, the Unit closed. Clients then were placed in the community or transferred to another State residential center.

LOCAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

Merged with the Family Health Administration to form the Local and Family Health Administration in 1989.

**STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON INFANT
MORTALITY**

Abolished in 1991 and replaced by an independent State Commission on Infant Mortality Prevention (Senate Bill 615, Acts of 1991).

VICTOR CULLEN CENTER

Formerly under the Developmental Disabilities Administration, the Center at Sabillasville in Frederick County is expected to cease operation by June 30, 1991.