

WESTERN MARYLAND REGION

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The Regional Director for the Western Maryland Region oversees administration of community-based services, Brandenburg Center, and Potomac Center.

BRANDENBURG CENTER

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Opened in 1978 as the Thomas B. Finan Center—Mental Retardation Unit, the Center came to be known as Western Maryland II. In 1981, the Center was renamed in memory of Joseph D. Brandenburg, a Cumberland resident who distinguished himself through years of service to persons with mental retardation.

Brandenburg Center is a multipurpose health facility serving the residential needs of individuals with mental retardation in Western Maryland from Garrett to Carroll counties. The Center provides occupational, physical, speech and hearing therapies; social services; and medical supervision for its clients. It habitates clients so they may return to the community. The Center is funded for a daily average of 68 people. (Code Health—General Article, sec. 7-305).

CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD FOR BRANDENBURG CENTER

Albert A. Coviello, *Chair*, 1997

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

POTOMAC CENTER

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The Potomac Center originated in 1978 as Western Maryland I—Mental Retardation Center. It became the Potomac Center in 1981. The Center serves as a residence for persons with mental retardation in Western Maryland from Garrett to Carroll counties (Code Health—General Article, sec. 7-305). The Center provides comprehensive habilitative services to expedite the return of clients to a less restrictive environment.

The Center serves persons of all ages at all levels of retardation. It is funded to serve a daily average of 117 people.

CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD FOR POTOMAC CENTER

Frances L. Michael, *Chair*, 1996

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LOCAL & FAMILY HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

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The Local and Family Health Administration originated from two agencies. The first was formed in 1969 as the Local Health Services Administration. By 1973, it was reorganized as the Local Health and Professional Support Services Administration and, by 1977, as the Local Health Administration. The second agency was the Family Health Administration formed in 1987. 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 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 administrators 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 offices: Children's Health; Chronic Disease Prevention; Hereditary Disorders; Management Services; Maternal Health and Family Planning; Primary Care Services; and Women, Infants, and Children. The Administration also oversees Deer's Head Center and Western Maryland Center and is aided by the Maryland Cancer Registry; the State Advisory Council on Arthritis and Related Diseases; the State Advisory Council on Hereditary and Congenital Disorders; the State Advisory Council on High Blood Pressure and Related Cardiovascular Risk Factors; and the State Advisory Council on Physical Fitness.

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON ARTHRITIS & RELATED DISEASES

Janie B. Scott, O.T.R./L., *Chair*, 1998
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