

*thereafter, these positions shall be so filled. No member of the Board shall be eligible for reappointment within a year from the expiration of his full six year term, nor if he has served as much as four years of any unexpired term. Members of the Board shall be selected from among persons who have been residents of Allegany County for at least three years next preceding their appointment and they shall be so selected that as many areas of the County as is practical shall be represented on the Board.*

*(c) The members of the Board shall serve without compensation.*

*(d) The Board shall establish, maintain, and operate a nursing or convalescent home or homes and any other facilities and services necessary for the proper care and treatment of aged, convalescent, and chronically ill residents of the county and shall have the following powers and duties:*

*(1) To accept gifts, legacies, bequests or endowments for purposes of the Board. Unless otherwise specified by the donor making such gift, legacy, bequest or endowment, the Board, in its discretion, may expend both principal and income of any such gift, bequest, legacy or endowment to support the Board's program;*

*(2) To acquire and hold real and personal property by any means, including land, other than land being used as a cemetery or burial ground, which the County Commissioners may decide and are hereby authorized to convey to the Board, and to preserve and administer such properties;*

*(3) To provide adequate facilities and services for the care and treatment of the aged, convalescent, and chronically ill citizens of the county. These facilities and services may include physical care, medical, nursing, recreational, rehabilitative, special education, and other similar activities, and, in addition, dissemination of information relative to causes and prevention of chronic and debilitating illnesses;*

*(4) To charge such fees for admission to and maintenance in such facilities and for use of such services as may support the facilities and services subject, however, to the provision that where aged, convalescent, and chronically ill residents of the county are in need of such facilities and services and are unable to pay the full cost of such care, then the charges to such residents shall be in direct proportion to their ability to pay for the services, and in determining the ability to pay for services, the Board's decision shall be final;*

*(5) To apply all monies, assets, property or other things of value it may receive to the general purposes of the Board;*

*(6) To adopt, subject to the terms of this section, such rules and regulations of any facilities or services that it establishes as may be necessary for their proper operation;*

*(7) To cooperate with and assist, insofar as practicable, any agency of the State of Maryland, the United States of America, any subdivision of either, or any private agency or person in furtherance of any of the purposes of this section;*

*(8) To hire a director of any facility or service that it establishes and to provide for such additional employees, their qualifications and wages as are necessary to properly operate such facilities;*