

(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;

(9) To require that all facilities and services that it establishes maintain such standards that they may qualify for licenses as hospitals from the State Board of Health as required in Article 43, Section 556 et. ff. (1957 Edition) as amended from time to time;

(10) To integrate its facilities with, accept funds from, and cooperate with the State Board of Health and Mental Hygiene in any facet or facets of its operations insofar as deemed advisable by this Board.

(11) To establish close liaison with the Harford Memorial Hospital for the purpose of providing comprehensive hospital, nursing, and convalescent care in Harford County.

(d) The Board shall elect one of its members to serve as chairman for any period it may designate. It shall hold such meetings as may be necessary for the proper conduct of its business, not, however, less frequently than once per month. It shall adopt, subject to the terms of this section, such rules as are necessary for the internal regulation of the Board.

(e) The activities of the Board shall be supported insofar as possible by citizen support, voluntary contributions, fees and charges, payments from the State and federal government. The County Commissioners are authorized to make annual appropriations in support of the operations of the Citizens Nursing Home Board of Harford County for the objective of maintaining an adequate level of medical and nursing care for the aged, convalescent, and chronically ill citizens of Harford County. *In further support of the objectives of this section the County Commissioners may make appropriations for land acquisition and capital improvements or borrow funds for these purposes and issue individual notes, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness.*

(f) The Board shall annually report their activities to the County Commissioners during the preceding year, together with recommendations or requests they deem appropriate to achieve the objectives and purposes of this [Act] section.

(g) The purpose of the Citizens Nursing Home Board of Harford County is declared to be for the general benefit of the citizens of Harford County and charitable in nature. Upon appointment of its members by the County Commissioners of Harford County, the Board shall become a quasi public corporation with perpetual existence, subject to modification by the General Assembly of the State of Maryland if such modification is necessary, to effectuate the purposes herein declared; and it is subject to termination by the General Assembly when and if its substantial purposes cease.