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**[Each of the chronic hospitals shall have a board of visitors consisting of one member of the board of county commissioners for each county and the director of the department of welfare of Baltimore City in the area served by such institution, said member to be selected by said board of county commissioners. The board of visitors shall make periodic visits to the institution and make suggestions to the State Board of Health concerning the conduct and maintenance of the chronic hospitals.]**

(a) *Each of the chronic hospitals shall have a board of visitors* **CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD** *consisting of seven (7) members appointed by the Governor FROM AMONG NAMES SUBMITTED BY THE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND MENTAL HYGIENE, one of whom shall be appointed temporary chairman.*

(b) *Members of the board shall be citizens of the State who are* **RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OR CITY OF BALTIMORE, AS THE CASE MAY BE, IN THE REGION SERVED BY EACH SUCH FACILITY AND WHO ARE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COMMUNITY AND WHO ARE** *known for their interest in civic and public affairs and for their concern about the care of the chronically ill.*

(c) *Of the Board members initially appointed, three (3) members shall have terms of one, two, and three years, respectively, and four (4) members shall serve terms of four years, all dating from July 1, 1972. Board members appointed thereafter shall serve terms of four years. No member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms. Vacancies shall be filled for the unexpired portion of the term in the same manner as the original appointment.*

(d) *The members of the board shall serve without compensation.*

(e) *For purposes of organization, the board shall hold its first meeting no later than thirty (30) days after the appointment of the membership, at which time it shall elect a chairman from among its members. It may elect such other officers as it deems necessary, determine the time and place of meetings, and establish all necessary rules and regulations for the conduct of meetings; provided that the board shall hold regular meetings no less than four times each year.*

(f) *Each board of visitors has* **CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD SHALL SERVE IN AN ADVISORY CAPACITY WITH** *the following duties and responsibilities;*

(1) *Assist* **ADVISE** *the superintendent in the determination of the goals of the hospital and ASSIST in the evaluation of* ~~progress~~ **THE ACHIEVEMENT OF** *such goals.*

(2) *Advise and assist the superintendent with respect to all policies relating to the operation of the hospital.*

(2) **ADVISE THE SUPERINTENDENT WITH RESPECT TO HOSPITAL FACILITIES, PROGRAMS AND POLICIES.**

(3) *Review all budget proposals, make recommendations, and advise and assist in the preparation of the annual budget requests and in their implementation.* **REVIEW ALL BUDGET REQUESTS**