

Article 43 -- Health
Section 1J(c), (e), (i) and (k)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That Sections 1J(c), (e), (i) and (k) of Article 43 - Health, of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1971 Replacement Volume and 1974 Supplement) be and they are hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments, to read as follows:

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(c) The governing body of each county and of Baltimore City shall establish a mental health advisory committee and appoint the members [thereto] OF IT. Membership shall consist of one representative each from the local governing body, [the school board] THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION, [the welfare board] THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, the practicing physicians, the clergy, the legal profession, the mental health association, where one exists, the local council on alcoholism, where one exists, and at least three additional members representing the community as a whole. The term of office of each member [shall be for] IS three years commencing from the first day of July of the year of appointment except that of the members first appointed one third shall be appointed for a term of two years and one third for a term of one year. Members who have served two consecutive full terms [shall] MAY not be eligible for reappointment for a period of three years following completion of [such] THEIR terms. The officers of the committee shall be elected annually by the membership and the chairmanship [shall] MAY not be held by the same person for more than two consecutive years. The committee [shall be] IS empowered to create internal subcommittees and draw in additional participants as needed. The local health officer, the regional mental health director, and a representative of the APPROPRIATE INPATIENT UNIT OF THE regional mental hospital WHICH SERVES THIS AREA shall be ex officio members of the committee. WHENEVER THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE IS CONCERNED WITH MORE THAN ONE PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL CENTER OR HOSPITAL CENTER INPATIENT UNIT, REPRESENTATIVES FROM EACH OF THESE UNITS SHALL SERVE ON A ROTATING BASIS. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF BALTIMORE CITY, THESE ROTATING REPRESENTATIVES SHALL BE APPOINTED BY THE COMMISSIONER OF MENTAL HYGIENE. WITH RESPECT TO BALTIMORE CITY, THE COMMISSIONER OF HEALTH OF BALTIMORE CITY MAY APPOINT ONE