

a body to serve as the health systems agency for the health service area, by:

(i) Making a joint agreement as to the purpose, structure, and functions of the proposed body; and

(ii) Each enacting an ordinance that designates the proposed body to be the health systems agency for the county.

(2) The body so established becomes the health systems agency if the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services designates the body as a health systems agency.

(b) Governing board.

(1) The governing board of each health systems agency created under this section shall consist of at least 3 individuals.

(2) Of the members of the governing board:

(i) A majority shall be members of the governing bodies of the counties in the health service area; and

(ii) There shall be at least 1 member of the governing body from each of those counties.

(3) The governing board shall exercise all of the powers of the health systems agency that, by law, agreement of the counties, or bylaws of the health systems agency, are not conferred on or reserved to the counties or to another structure within the health systems agency.

(c) Miscellaneous powers.

In addition to the powers set forth elsewhere in Part I of this subtitle or in the Federal Act, each health systems agency created under this section may:

(1) Sue and be sued;

(2) Make contracts;

(3) Incur necessary obligations, which may not constitute the obligations of any county in the health service area;

(4) Acquire, hold, use, improve, and otherwise deal with property;