

(B) THE COMMISSION IS AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION THAT FUNCTIONS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT.

~~(B)~~ (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMISSION IS TO INCREASE ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE SERVICES THROUGH COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCES.

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(A) (1) THE COMMISSION CONSISTS OF ~~SEVEN~~ NINE ELEVEN MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR WITH THE ADVICE AND CONSENT OF THE SENATE.

(2) OF THE ~~SEVEN~~ NINE ELEVEN MEMBERS, ~~FOUR SHALL BE INDIVIDUALS WHO DO NOT HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH THE MANAGEMENT OR POLICY OF ANY COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCE;~~

(I) ONE SHALL BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF A NONPROFIT HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION;

(II) ONE SHALL BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF A NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN;

(III) ONE SHALL BE A REPRESENTATIVE OF A MARYLAND HOSPITAL;

~~(III)~~ (IV) FOUR SHALL BE INDIVIDUALS WHO:

1. DO NOT HAVE ANY CONNECTION WITH THE MANAGEMENT OR POLICY OF ANY COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCE, NONPROFIT HEALTH SERVICE PLAN, OR NONPROFIT HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATION; AND

2. HAVE A BACKGROUND OR EXPERIENCE IN HEALTH CARE; AND

(V) ONE SHALL BE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO HAS A BACKGROUND OR EXPERIENCE WITH AN OUTPATIENT MENTAL HEALTH CLINIC WITHIN THE PAST 5 YEARS; AND

~~(IV)~~ (VI) THREE SHALL BE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE A BACKGROUND OR EXPERIENCE WITH A COMMUNITY HEALTH RESOURCE WITHIN THE PAST 5 YEARS.

(3) AT LEAST TWO OF THE ~~NINE~~ ELEVEN MEMBERS SHALL BE HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS LICENSED IN THE STATE.

(B) TO THE EXTENT PRACTICABLE, WHEN APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE COMMISSION, THE GOVERNOR SHALL ASSURE GEOGRAPHIC BALANCE AND PROMOTE RACIAL DIVERSITY IN THE COMMISSION'S MEMBERSHIP.

~~(C) THE TERM OF A MEMBER IS 4 YEARS.~~

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FROM AMONG THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION:

(1) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPOINT A CHAIR; AND