

MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

10-308.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in subsection [(b)] (C) of this section, the governing body of each county shall establish a mental health advisory committee.

(B) THE PURPOSE OF A MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE SHALL BE TO SERVE AS ADVOCATE FOR A COMPREHENSIVE MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEM FOR PERSONS OF ALL AGES ~~WITH SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS.~~

[(b)] (C) The governing bodies of two or more counties may establish, by agreement, an intercounty mental health advisory committee if:

(1) The population of one of the counties is too small to warrant the establishment of a community mental health program for that county; and

(2) The Director consents.

10-309.

(a) (1) The mental health advisory committee of each county shall consist of:

(i) As NONVOTING ex officio members, THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS OR THEIR DESIGNEES:

1. The health officer for the county; [and]

2. The appropriate regional mental health director;

[(ii)] 3. A representative of [the residential unit of] a State INPATIENT facility that serves that county, appointed as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection; [and]

4. THE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR;

5. THE DIRECTOR OF THE CORE SERVICE AGENCY,
IF ANY;

6. ~~A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNTY'S GOVERNING BODY; AND~~

7. AND

6. IN JURISDICTIONS WITH DESIGNATED STATE INPATIENT BEDS LOCATED IN LOCAL GENERAL HOSPITALS, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THAT FACILITY; AND

[(iii)] (II) [At least the following] AS VOTING members, appointed by the governing body of the county AND REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNTY'S MAJOR SOCIO-ECONOMIC AND ETHNIC GROUPS: