

committee for certain purposes without regard to certain appointment criteria applicable to a county mental health advisory committee; making a stylistic change; and generally relating to the authority of a county to establish a joint mental health and addictions advisory committee.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General

Section 10-308 and 10-309

Annotated Code of Maryland

(1990 Replacement Volume and 1991 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

10-308.

(a) Except as otherwise provided in [subsection] SUBSECTIONS (c) AND (D) 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.

(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.

(D) THE GOVERNING BODY OF A COUNTY MAY ESTABLISH A JOINT MENTAL HEALTH AND ADDICTIONS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

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;
2. The appropriate regional mental health director;
3. A representative of a State inpatient facility that serves that county, appointed as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection;
4. The county mental health director;
5. The director of the core service agency, if any; and