

COMMISSION ON HEREDITARY DISORDERS

Chairperson: Francis J. Colletta, 1984

Vice-Chairperson: Bernice Sigman, M.D., *University of Maryland School of Medicine*, 1981

Ex officio members: William B. Landis; J. King B. E. Seegar, Jr., M.D.; J. M. Joseph, M.D.; Margaret Needham, Neil A. Holtzman, M.D.

Appointed by the President of the Senate: Julian L. Lapides, 1983

Appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates: Walter R. Dean, Jr., 1983

Appointed by the Governor: Dr. Barton Childs, 1981; Marvin Cornbluth, M.D., *Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland*, 1981; Robert P. Diggs, 1982; Anne C. Zehner, 1983.

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The Commission on Hereditary Disorders was created by Chapter 695, Acts of 1973. The Commission is composed of eleven members appointed for terms of four years. No member may serve more than two consecutive terms. One member of the Commission is a member of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the president of the Senate, and one member is a delegate appointed by the speaker of the House of Delegates. Five members of the Commission are appointed by the Governor at his sole discretion, provided that these members are not health professionals or involved in the administration or ownership of any health care institution or health insurance organization, or the spouse of a health professional, administrator, or owner. Four of the members are licensed medical physicians knowledgeable in the diagnosis and treatment of hereditary disorders who are appointed from a list of three names submitted at least three months prior to the date for making appointments by the Monumental Medical Society of Baltimore, the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, the faculty of the University of Maryland School of Medicine, and the faculty of The Johns Hopkins University Medical Institutions. If the list is not submitted, the Governor shall appoint, at his sole discretion, a member who is a licensed medical physician knowledgeable in the diagnosis and treatment of hereditary disorders.

The Secretary of the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene appoints five representatives of

the Department of Mental Hygiene to serve as ex officio, non-voting members of the Commission. One of these members must represent the Maryland Health Planning and Development Agency.

The Commission selects from among its number a chairperson and a vice-chairperson by majority vote, who hold their respective offices for two years. Such officers may succeed themselves.

The Commission aids in the gathering and the dissemination of information on the treatment of hereditary disorders in the State. It also establishes and promulgates rules, regulations, and standards for the detection and management of hereditary disorders. It evaluates on a continuous basis the need for and efficiency of State programs on hereditary disorders. The Commission also institutes and supervises educational programs and counseling on the subject of hereditary disorders and its treatment and prevention for the public and providers of health services. The Commission may utilize existing programs and groups for its informational purposes, whether or not such programs and groups are governmental.

The Commission is to evaluate the entire hereditary disease program annually and report such evaluations along with recommendations to the Governor (Code 1957, Art. 43, sec. 814-821; Art. 62, sec. 6A).

HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE COMMISSION

Chairperson: R. Patterson Russell, M.D., 1984

Albert M. Antlitz, 1981; Elijah Saunders, M.D., 1981; Carmalyn Simiraglia, 1981; C. C. Haley, Jr., 1982; John N. Hornbaker, Jr., M.D., 1982; Gayle S. Ulewicz, 1982; George Entwisle, M.D., 1982; Lawrence Green, 1982; Torrey C. Brown, M.D., 1983; Sheila C. Clappe, 1983; Ruth H. Singer, M.D., 1983; Joseph A. Mead, Jr., M.D., 1984; Charles J. Morgan, 1984; Frances Reynolds, 1984; John W. Southard, M.D., 1984.

The Commission on High Blood Pressure was created by Chapter 792, Acts of 1976. The Commission consists of sixteen members appointed by the Governor for terms of four years. Six members are appointed at his discretion while the remaining ten members represent the American Heart Association—Maryland Affiliate, Inc., the Citizens Advisory Council of the Maryland Comprehensive Health Planning Agency, the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty of Maryland, the Mary-