

Control and placed under the Community Health Surveillance and Laboratories Administration. The Office enforces provisions of the Controlled Dangerous Substance Act and ensures the availability of drugs for legitimate medical and scientific purposes while working to prevent drug abuse (Code 1957, Art. 27, secs. 276-302). Office programs primarily focus on physicians, dentists, veterinarians, pharmacists, manufacturers, distributors, nonpharmacy establishments, and pharmacies.

#### LABORATORIES OFFICE

J. Mehseu Joseph, Ph.D., *Director*

201 West Preston St.  
Baltimore, MD 21201 (410) 225-6100

Formerly the Laboratories Administration, the Laboratories Office became part of the Community Health Surveillance and Laboratories Administration in 1987. The Office has broad responsibilities for laboratory testing to help physicians and health officials prevent, diagnose, and control human diseases. The Office performs examinations in connection with the enforcement of State health laws, and the chemical, microbiological, and radiological surveillance of the environment related to foods, waters, sewage, air, pharmaceuticals, hazardous wastes, and bedding and upholstery. Laboratory tests are conducted to support State occupational safety and health regulations and to enforce pure food and drug laws.

The Office licenses all medical laboratories, tissue banks, and physician office laboratories to ensure that they comply with standards and personnel qualifications. It also certifies and periodically inspects laboratories that examine water and dairy products for shipment out of Maryland. In addition to a central laboratory in Baltimore, the Office oversees seven branch laboratories and five divisions: Administrative and Support Services; Licensure, Certification and Training; Clinical Lab Services; Environmental Chemistry; Microbiology; and Virology and Immunization.

#### LABORATORY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

John G. Newby, M.D., *Co-Chairperson*, 1994  
Blair M. Eig, M.D., *Co-Chairperson*, 1994  
(410) 225-6100

Authorized in 1989, the Laboratory Advisory Committee advises the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene on matters relating to medical laboratories (Chapter 330, Acts of 1989).

The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene appoints the Committee and designates the chair.

---

## DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES ADMINISTRATION

---

Lois M. Meszaros, Ph.D., *Director*  
Jack Buffington, *Chief Executive Officer*

201 West Preston St.  
Baltimore, MD 21201 (410) 225-5600

The Developmental Disabilities Administration originated in 1966 as the Division of Mental Retardation within the Bureau of Preventive Medical Services of the Office of Medical Care Services. In 1970, the Division was reformed into a Directorate of Mental Retardation from which the Mental Retardation Administration was created in 1971. The Administration was reorganized in 1982 as the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Administration (Chapter 430, Acts of 1982). In 1986, the Administration received its present name (Chapter 637, Acts of 1986).

The Developmental Disabilities Administration plans, develops, and directs a statewide comprehensive system of services for mentally retarded and developmentally disabled persons and their families. Services include programs for disorders such as cerebral palsy, spina bifida, epilepsy, and severe communicative disorders. The Administration coordinates its activities with other government, voluntary and private health, education and welfare agencies.

The Administration operates residential facilities and also provides funds for purchased care, group homes and apartments, small residential centers, and daytime programs for developmentally disabled persons. In addition, the Administration directs Children's Summer Programs, Family and Individual Support Services, and Supported Employment Programs. Regional offices initiate, coordinate, and evaluate programs in the four regions of the State (Code Health—General Article, secs. 7-101 through 7-1201).

The Administration operates five facilities: Brandenburg Center, Great Oaks Center, Holly Center, Potomac Center, and Rosewood Center. The Community Services Advisory Commission and five citizens advisory boards also serve the Administration.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICES ADVISORY COMMISSION

Stephen H. Morgan, *Chairperson*  
(410) 323-5600

The Community Services Advisory Commission was created within the Developmental Disabilities Administration in 1986 (Chapter 797, Acts of 1986). The Commission annually updates a five-year plan to improve community services and programs for developmentally disabled persons. The plan includes alternative ways and means to finance and expand services and programs.