

Mental Hygiene; the Maryland Hospital Association; the Maryland Nurses Association; the Monumental City Medical Society; the University of Maryland Hospital and School of Medicine; The Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions; and the State Health Resources Planning Commission. Consumer members are appointed with Senate advice and consent (Code Health—General Article, secs. 13-201 through 13-206).

STATE ADVISORY COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS

Michael E. Busch, *Chairperson*, 1993

Linda Vanderhoff, *Executive Director*

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The State Advisory Council on Physical Fitness began as the State Commission on Physical Fitness in 1963 (Chapter 606, Acts of 1963). The Council was reorganized in 1992 by its present name under the Local and Family Health Administration (Chapter 71, Acts of 1992). The Council works to protect and improve the physical fitness of Marylanders. It disseminates information about physical fitness, and collects and assembles information from State departments and agencies. To further its work, the Council maintains liaison with the State Department of Education, local boards of education, private and parochial schools, and local physical fitness commissions.

The Council consists of twenty-five members appointed by the Governor with the advice of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene. Members serve four-year terms and are chosen for their interest or experience in physical fitness for both youth and adults. The Governor designates the chairperson. The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene appoints the executive director.

In each county and the City of Baltimore, the Governor also appoints a local physical fitness commission, composed of fifteen to twenty-five local residents. The Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene designates the chairperson of each local commission (Code Health—General Article, secs. 13-401 through 13-412).

**OFFICE OF PLANNING, EVALUATION, &
PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT**

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The Office of Planning, Evaluation, and Program Development was formed within the Local and Family Health Administration in 1991. For the Administration and local health departments, the Office provides computer, planning, statistical and epidemiologic advice. The Office also conducts disease surveillance to help plan programs, devise policy, and determine research needs.

The Office manages the voluntary Abortion Surveillance System; conducts the Maryland Behavioral Risk Factor Survey, in cooperation with the

U.S. Centers for Disease Control; and conducts on-site reviews of local health departments. The Office also directs the writing, review, and use of annual Local Health Department Plans; develops and monitors Operational Plan objectives for the Local and Family Health Administration; and publishes annually the *Local and Family Health Surveillance Data Book*. In addition, the Office designs personal computer (PC) systems for tracking High Risk Infants; and provides special analyses for programs, such as Data-based Intervention Grants, Sample Size Requirements, and the Needs Assessments required by the federal Social Security law governing Maternal and Child Health Block Grants (Title V, sec. 501).

**OFFICE OF HEALTH PROMOTION EDUCATION
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The Office of Health Promotion Education and Tobacco Use Prevention was formed from the Division of Health Education in November 1993. The Office is responsible for five programs: Health in Pregnancy, a smoking cessation program; Maryland Kids in Safety Seats (Maryland KISS); Migrant Health; Planned Approach to Community Health (PATCH); and Tobacco Use Prevention.

DEER'S HEAD CENTER

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Authorized in 1945, Deer's Head Center was established in 1950 (Chapter 994, Acts of 1945). It is a regional facility for chronically ill and elderly adults in need of medical and rehabilitation services, or general medical care for chronic disease or terminal illness. The Center also operates a kidney dialysis facility for area residents.

Deer's Head Center provides the services of a chronic disease hospital (including a small hospice service) and a comprehensive care facility, as well as outpatient and end-stage kidney dialysis, and outpatient rehabilitation therapy. The licensed capacity for the Center is 188 hospital beds and 33 comprehensive care beds (Code Health—General Article, sec. 19-502).

**CITIZENS ADVISORY BOARD FOR
DEER'S HEAD CENTER**

Louise L. Gulyas, *Chairperson*, 1996

Upon recommendation of the Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene, the Governor appoints the Board's seven members to four-year terms.