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## CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Anne Arundel County – Mental Health Advisory Committee**

3 FOR the purpose of authorizing the governing body in Anne Arundel County to  
4 designate Anne Arundel County Mental Health Agency, Inc. as the mental  
5 health advisory committee for Anne Arundel County; providing for an exception  
6 to the membership requirements for a mental health advisory committee in  
7 Anne Arundel County; and generally relating to mental health advisory  
8 committees.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
10 Article – Health – General  
11 Section 10–308 and 10–309(a)  
12 Annotated Code of Maryland  
13 (2005 Replacement Volume and 2006 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Health – General**

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### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 10-308.

2 (a) Except as otherwise provided in subsections (c) and (d) of this section, the  
3 governing body of each county shall establish a mental health advisory committee.

4 (b) The purpose of a mental health advisory committee shall be to serve as  
5 advocate for a comprehensive mental health system for persons of all ages.

6 (c) The governing bodies of two or more counties may establish, by  
7 agreement, an intercounty mental health advisory committee if:

8 (1) The population of one of the counties is too small to warrant the  
9 establishment of a mental health advisory committee for that county; and

10 (2) The Director consents.

11 (d) The governing body of a county may establish a joint mental health and  
12 addictions advisory committee.

13 (e) In Howard County, if a quasi-public authority is established under  
14 Subtitle 12 of this title, the governing body may designate the authority as the mental  
15 health advisory committee for the county.

16 (f) In Baltimore City, the governing body may designate Baltimore Mental  
17 Health Systems, Inc., the core service agency for Baltimore City under Subtitle 12 of  
18 this title, as the mental health advisory committee for Baltimore City.

19 **(G) IN ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY, THE GOVERNING BODY MAY**  
20 **DESIGNATE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AGENCY, INC., THE**  
21 **CORE SERVICE AGENCY FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY UNDER SUBTITLE 12 OF**  
22 **THIS TITLE, AS THE MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR ANNE**  
23 **ARUNDEL COUNTY.**

24 10-309.

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

27 (i) As nonvoting ex officio members, the following individuals or  
28 their designees:

29 1. The health officer for the county;

1                                   2.    A representative of a State inpatient facility that  
2 serves that county, appointed as provided in paragraph (2) of this subsection;

3                                   3.    The county mental health director;

4                                   4.    The director of the core service agency, if any; and

5                                   5.    In jurisdictions with designated State inpatient beds  
6 located in local general hospitals, a representative from that facility; and

7                                   (ii)   As voting members, appointed by the governing body of the  
8 county and representative of the county's major socio-economic and ethnic groups:

9                                   1.    At least 5, but not more than 7, representatives  
10 selected from among the following groups or agencies:

11                                  A.    The governing body;

12                                  B.    The county department of education;

13                                  C.    The local department of social services;

14                                  D.    The practicing physicians;

15                                  E.    Mental health professionals who are not physicians;

16                                  F.    The clergy;

17                                  G.    The legal profession;

18                                  H.    A local law enforcement agency;

19                                  I.    A local general hospital that contains an inpatient  
20 psychiatric unit;

21                                  J.    The Department of Aging;

22                                  K.    The Department of Juvenile Services;

23                                  L.    The local alcohol and drug abuse agency; and

1 M. A local community rehabilitation or housing program;  
2 and

3 2. At least 5 individuals selected from among the  
4 following groups or organizations and appointed as provided in paragraph (3) of this  
5 subsection:

6 A. At least 2 individuals who are currently receiving or  
7 who have in the past received mental health services;

8 B. Parents or other relatives of adults with mental  
9 disorders;

10 C. Parents or other relatives of children or adolescents  
11 with emotional, behavioral, or mental disorders the onset of which occurred during  
12 childhood or adolescence;

13 D. The local mental health association, if any; and

14 E. A member of the general public.

15 (2) If more than one State inpatient facility serves a county, a  
16 representative from at least 1 of the facilities shall be appointed by the Director.

17 (3) At least one-half of the voting members shall be appointed from  
18 among the individuals listed in paragraph (1)(ii)2A through C of this subsection.

19 (4) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) through (3) of this subsection, if  
20 the governing body of Baltimore City **OR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY** designates [the]  
21 **A** core service agency as the mental health advisory committee, the mental health  
22 advisory committee shall consist of the governing body of the core service agency.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
24 October 1, 2007.