

**VALLEY COMMUNITY SERVICES BOARD
BOARD - CHAPTER 10**

AUTHORITY: Chapter 10, State Code, Sect. 37.1-194 through 200

NUMBER MEMBERS: Five (5)

TERM OF OFFICE: Three (3) years

REGULAR MEETING DATE: Third Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

PURPOSE: Established in 1969, the Valley Community Services Board is an agency of Staunton, Waynesboro and Augusta County. The Board shall review and evaluate all existing and proposed mental health retardation services both public and private available to serve the community and advise local governments as to the effectiveness of said services. Annually the Board submits a program and budget to local governments, and the Department, for approval. Within amounts appropriated, it will execute a program and maintain such services as may be authorized under such appropriations.

The Services Board is the central authority and governing board for mental health, mental retardation, and substance abuse services. In this capacity the Board shall:

1. Make rules or regulations concerning the operation of services or facilities under its supervision or direction, subject to applicable standards of the Department.
2. Enter into contracts for the rendition or operation of services/facilities.
3. Prescribe a reasonable schedule of fees for services provided by personnel or facilities under its supervision.
4. Accept gifts, donations, grants of money or property from any source and utilize the same as authorized by the governing bodies of which it is an agent.

The Board seeks to promote the availability/development of needed services to the mentally ill, mentally retarded and the substance abuser. As the local clearing house of professional services it offers localities assistance as: advisor, educator, organizer, planner and advocate.

The membership of the Board is appointed by the governing bodies of the jurisdictions of which it is an agent.