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POLICY MANUAL

State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

POLICY 3000 (CO) 74-10 Appointments of Department Employees to Community Services Boards

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References § 37.2-203, § 37.2-304, § 37.2-500, § 37.2-501 § 37.2-601, and § 37.2-602 of the
Code of Virginia (1950)

Background Originally, the Board received a number of inquiries about the appointment of an
employee of the Department to a community services board. Also, concerns were
raised about possible perceptions of conflicts of interest if Department employees
served on CSBs. In response to these concerns, the Board adopted this policy.

Section 37.2-203 of the Code of Virginia authorizes the Board to adopt policies
governing the operation of state hospitals, training centers, and community services
boards and behavioral health authorities. Section 37.2-304 authorizes the
Commissioner to supervise and manage the Department and its state facilities.
Sections 37.2-500 and 37.2-601 authorize the establishment of community services
boards and behavioral health authorities, hereafter referred to as CSBs. Finally, §
37.2-501 and § 37.2-602 govern the appointment of CSB board members by the
governing bodies of the cities and counties that established the CSBs. Those two
Code sections do not address appointments of Department employees to CSBs.
Consequently, because appointments to CSBs are made by local governments
rather than CSBs, those appointments are not under the purview of the Board's
policy authority. However, the Board may adopt policy that directs the Department
to ensure that its employees do not accept appointments as CSB board members.

Purpose To prohibit Department employees from accepting appointments as CSB board
members.

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Policy

It is the policy of the Board that the Department, in order to avoid any appearance of impropriety or conflict of interest, shall ensure that its classified employees shall not accept appointments as CSB board members.
