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POLICY MANUAL State Board of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	
	POLICY 1036 (SYS) 05-3 Vision Statement
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References	STATE BOARD POLICY 1016 (SYS) 86-23 Policy Goal of the Commonwealth for a Comprehensive, Community-Based System for Services
Supersedes	STATE BOARD POLICY 1033 (SYS) 95-1 Mission, Values, and Vision Statement
Background	STATE BOARD POLICY 1016 was adopted by the Board in response to several General Assembly resolutions: House Joint Resolution 9 in 1980, House Joint Resolution 85 in 1986, and Senate Joint Resolution 60 in 1986. It articulates the Board's policy to support the development and maintenance of a comprehensive, individually focused, and community-based system of services and supports for individuals with mental health or substance use disorders, intellectual disability, or co-occurring disorders, that community services boards should be responsible for the continuity of all services to individuals receiving services, and that the Department should provide the direction, technical assistance, monitoring, and evaluation that will ensure consistent and effective standards for and delivery of services to meet the needs of individuals. Virginia's system of publicly funded mental health, developmental, and substance use disorder services consists of the Department and the state hospitals and training centers that it operates; a network of community services boards and the behavioral health authority, hereafter referred to as CSBs; local governments; private and public providers of a broad array of services licensed by the Department; and providers of other supports such as housing, job training, social services, and income assistance.
Purpose	To articulate a vision statement to guide the development and operations of the public mental health, developmental, and substance use disorder services system.
Vision Statement	Our vision is of a system of quality recovery-oriented services and supports that respects the rights and values of individuals with mental illnesses, intellectual disability, other developmental disabilities who are eligible for or are receiving Medicaid developmental disability waiver services, or substance use disorders, is driven by individuals receiving services, and promotes self-determination,

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	empowerment, recovery, resilience, health and overall wellness, and the highest possible level of participation by individuals receiving services in all aspects of community life, including work, school, family, and other meaningful relationships. This vision also includes the principles of inclusion, participation, and partnership.
Policy	It is the policy of the Board that the vision statement shall guide the development and operations of the public mental health, developmental, and substance use disorder services system. The Department, state hospitals and training centers, and CSBs shall incorporate and implement the vision, values, and principles in this statement into the services that they provide and their policies, procedures, and daily operations. The vision, values, and principles in the vision statement shall be reflected in and implemented through all instructions, contracts, and documents issued, entered into, or distributed by the Department, state hospitals and training centers, or CSBs. It also is the policy of the Board that the Department, state hospitals and training centers, and CSBs shall ensure that individuals receiving services are informed of their rights; meaningfully participate to the greatest extent possible in decisions about their healthcare, service providers, where they live, their employment, and all other circumstances that affect their lives; and receive services and supports in the most integrated settings appropriate to their needs and desires. Finally, it is the policy of the Board that the Department, state hospitals and training centers, and CSBs shall seek feedback from individuals receiving services, family members, and advocacy groups about the extent to which they have implemented this policy and report the results of this feedback to the Board at least annually.