

DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES BOARD
(AREA 10 - LOS ANGELES)

AUTHORITY

Lanterman Act, Assembly Bill No. 225; Board Order No. 110 of June 9, 1970; Assembly Bill No. 846 (1973); Assembly Bill No. 3803 (1977) and Section 4570 et. seq. of the Welfare and Institutions Code.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

Seventeen:

- a. Five nominated by the Governor.
- b. Two nominated by each Supervisor.
- c. Two rotated among the five Supervisors. Rotation determined by Executive Officer by lot as follows:

Terms beginning January 1, 2006	2 nd District 3 rd District
Terms beginning January 1, 2009	5 th District 1 st District
Terms beginning January 1, 2012	4 th District 2 nd District
Terms beginning January 1, 2015	3 rd District 5 th District

Rotation will repeat in same Supervisorial District order.

QUALIFICATIONS

The governing body of Los Angeles County and the Governor shall select their appointees from among the following groups, and to the extent feasible, in the following proportions:

- a. Fifty percent of membership should be persons with developmental disabilities or the parents or legal guardians of such persons.
- b. Fifty percent of membership should be representatives of the general public.

All appointees must have demonstrated interest and leadership in human service attitudes and shall be residents of the area.

Persons who are providers of service to the developmentally disabled or members of the governing boards of organizations providing these services, are not eligible for Area Board membership in view of possible conflict of interest.

The Governor shall give consideration to the relative populations of the counties within the area in selecting his appointees to the area boards.

The governing bodies of the counties in each area and the Governor shall request recommendations for persons to be appointed to the area boards from:

- a. Professional organizations
- b. Organizations within the area representing persons with developmental disabilities
- c. Organizations and agencies within the area that deliver services to such persons

APPOINTMENT

Twelve by the Board of Supervisors and five by the Governor

TERM OF OFFICE*

Three years

No member shall serve more than two consecutive full terms. Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 4575.

COMPENSATION

The members of an area board shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for any actual and necessary expenses incurred in connection with the performance of their duties.

MEETINGS

Each area board shall meet at least quarterly, and on call of the board chairman, as often as necessary to fulfill its duties. All meetings and records of the area board shall be open to the public.

DUTIES

An area board shall have the following duties:

- a. Protect and advocate the rights of all persons.
- b. Have the authority to pursue legal, administrative, and other appropriate remedies to insure that protection of the legal, civil, and service rights of persons who require services or who are receiving services in the area.
- c. Identify and evidence the denial of such rights; inform the appropriate local, State or Federal official in eliminating all forms of discrimination against persons with developmental disabilities in housing, recreation, education, health and mental health care, employment, and other service programs available to the general population.
- d. Conduct or cause to be conducted public information programs for professional groups and for the general public, increase professional and public awareness of prevention and habilitation programs, and eliminate barriers to social integration, employment, and participation of persons with developmental in all community activities.
- e. Encourage and assist in the establishment of independent citizen advocacy organizations that provide practical personal services to individuals with developmental disabilities.
- f. Recommend to the state council independent citizen advocacy organizations that shall be considered for federal funding under the provisions of Public Law 94-103.

- g. To the extent that resources are available review the policies and practices of publicly funded agencies that serve or may serve persons with developmental disabilities.
- h. Remain informed about the quality of services in the area and inform appropriate State and local licensing agencies of alleged fire, safety, health, or other violations of legally established standards in any facility providing service to persons with developmental disabilities that may be brought to the attention of the area board.
- i. Assist the State council in the preparation of the State plan by submitting such information concerning the area's services, needs and priorities as may be requested by the State council.
- j. Cooperate with County coordinating councils on developmental disabilities, other regional planning bodies and consumer organizations in the area.

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