

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
Envision the Possibilities: An Integrated Strategic Plan for Virginia's Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Substance Abuse Services System, 2006

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 publicly-funded services to individuals receiving services, and that the Department should provide the direction, technical assistance, monitoring, and evaluation that will ensure uniform and effective standards for and delivery of services to meet the needs of individuals.

Several years ago, the Board, department staff, and representatives of community services boards; and the behavioral health authority, hereafter referred to as CSBs, individuals receiving services, family members, and advocacy groups developed an *Integrated Strategic Plan* through a process involving hundreds of interested individuals. This plan outlines a framework for transforming Virginia's publicly funded mental health, developmental, and substance abuse services system.

This system consists of the Department and the state hospitals and training centers that it operates; a network of CSBs; local governments; private and public

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(continued) 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. The *Integrated Strategic Plan* contains a vision statement and core values to guide the transformation of the publicly funded services system.

Purpose To articulate a vision statement to guide the development and operations of the public mental health, developmental, and substance abuse services system.

Vision Statement Our vision is of a system of services and supports driven by individuals receiving services that promotes self-determination, empowerment, recovery, resilience, health, 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 abuse services system. The Department, state hospitals and training centers operated by the department, and CSBs shall integrate the vision, values, and principles in this statement into the services that they provide and shall incorporate this vision and these values and principles in their policies, procedures, and daily operations. Further, it is the policy of the Board that 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. 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 periodically to the Board.
