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

POLICY 5006(FAC)86-29 Demolition of Dilapidated Buildings on the Grounds of State Facilities

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References § 37.2-700, Code of Virginia (1950)
Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, Chapter 33, Paragraph 3303.1
Construction and Professional Services Manual, Division of Buildings and
Engineering, Department of General Services, October 1, 2004

Background Subsection B of § 37.2-700 of the Code of Virginia authorizes the Commissioner, with the approval of the Board and the Governor, to demolish (tear down or raze) any building standing on property under the supervision and control of the Department that in the opinion of the Commissioner is in such a state of dilapidation or disrepair that it is dangerous to individuals receiving services, Department employees, or other persons frequenting that property.

The Governor has final approval authority for requests to demolish a state building. The Division of Engineering and Buildings in the Department of General Services administers this approval process. Section 1503.0 Demolition of Buildings in the *Construction and Professional Services Manual* and Division of Engineering and Buildings Notice 050906 – Demolition Permits set forth the process for requesting approval from the Governor. Chapter 33, Paragraph 3303.1 of the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code sets forth the process for scheduling demolition of state properties.

Purpose To reflect the statutory requirement for the Board to approve requests for authorization to demolish buildings on property under the supervision and control of the Department.

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It is the policy of the Board that the Commissioner shall seek the approval of the Board to demolish any building standing on property under the supervision and control of the Department that is in such a state of dilapidation or disrepair that it is dangerous to individuals receiving services, Department employees, or other persons frequenting that property.

Finally, it is the policy of the Board that Commissioner shall comply with the procedures in the Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code, in the *Construction and Professional Services Manual*, and issued by the Division of Engineering and Buildings for identifying and demolishing any building.
