

## **Handout #2: Revised Policy Statements**

The broad policies included in the State Health Plan (SHP) chapter for residential treatment centers (RTCs) are intended to guide the Commission's regulation of the supply and distribution of residential treatment centers in Maryland and serve as a foundation for the development of specific standards in the SHP chapter for RTCs.

### **Revised Draft Policy 1:**

RTCs shall coordinate with referral agencies for RTCs, hospitals, other home and community-based service providers, and the patient's family or caregivers to create and maintain a seamless behavioral health system that offers a comprehensive continuum of care for children and adolescents in Maryland, with the goal of treating patients in the least restrictive setting appropriate to their behavioral health needs.

### **Revised Draft Policy 2:**

RTCs shall provide high quality and evidence-based care in the most cost-effective manner for the health care delivery system that is consistent with safely and appropriately meeting the health care needs of the population served by RTCs.

### **Revised Draft Policy 3:**

RTCs shall be accessible to children and adolescents who need to be treated in them. RTCs shall strive to reduce barriers to accessing RTCs that stem from factors that include, but are not limited to, finances, type of insurance, geography, race, ethnicity, gender, or clinical presentation.

### **Revised Draft Policy 4:**

RTCs shall continuously and systematically work to improve the quality and safety of patient care and caregiver/guardian engagement and support, by evaluating the efficacy of services provided by RTCs through outcome measures.

### **Draft Policy 5:**

RTCs shall consider smart and sustainable growth policies, as well as green design principles in facility or center design choices.