

Howard County Sheltered Services Board was established in 1984 with the passage of a special property tax levy, commonly called SB40. This tax was set specifically to fund services for eligible persons of all ages with developmental disabilities.

For many years it was known as Howard County Association for the Handicapped. During those years the board of directors was very diligent in saving the money for the county, while funding such requests as matching dollars for the transportation grants through MoDot, vacation and camp trips, and recreational activities. As the times and funding sources changed, so did the way the board did business.

One of the first steps in this area was to begin providing match dollars for Medicaid waiver services. That allows up to “buy” services at forty cents on the dollar, and it easy to see that in this way we cans secure many more service hours for Howard County citizens with developmental disabilities.

Sometime shortly after that the actual name was changed to represent both the intent of the legislation that allows each county to tax itself and the persons who benefit from the services purchased on their behalf. The Howard County Sheltered Services Board is what followed.

Since 2007 the board has contracted for administrative services. Through this process we have been able to achieve

- By Laws for the organization
- An annual published statement of funds
- An annual report that improves every year- we can now report on how many people received services, what kinds of services were purchased, and the total dollars spent in each area
- A set agenda posted in our community
- Processes in place for the business portion of the board work
- Policies and procedures are in place
- An application for Board appointment that can be forwarded to the county commissioners for their approval and appointment
- TCM or local based Service Coordination began in January 2011