§ 4603. Continuing care retirement community council; powers and duties. 1. The continuing care retirement community council is hereby established, to consist of the following, or their designees: the attorney general; the commissioner; the director of the office for the aging; and eight public members appointed by the governor. Such public members shall be representative of the public, and have a demonstrated expertise or interest in continuing care retirement communities; provided that no more than one such member shall be a sponsor, owner, operator, manager, member of a board of directors, or shareholder of a continuing care retirement community. At least two public members shall be residents of a continuing care retirement community. At least one of the public members shall be a representative of an organization with demonstrated experience in representing the interests of senior citizens. The public members of the council shall have fixed terms of four years. The council shall be chaired by the commissioner or the designee of such commissioner.

(a) Members of such council shall serve without compensation for their services as members of the council, except that each of them may be allowed the necessary and actual expenses which such member shall incur in the performance of their duties under this article.

(b) A majority of the appointed voting membership of the council shall constitute a quorum.

2. The council shall meet as often as the commissioner may deem necessary to fulfill its responsibilities. The council shall have the following powers and duties:

a. to advise the commissioner on policy matters related to the establishment and operation of continuing care retirement communities;

b. to advise the commissioner in the development of the state's overall policy regarding continuing care retirement communities and cause studies and research to be conducted as it may deem advisable and necessary; and

c. to make any other recommendations to the commissioner as may be necessary to encourage or further regulate the development of continuing

care retirement communities.