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CHAPTER 618

AN ACT to amend 51.36 (6) (a), as created by chapter 317, laws of 1959; and to create 51.36 (10) of the statutes, relating to community mental health clinic services; and membership on board of directors on county singly established program in counties of a population under 500,000.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. 51.36 (6) (a) of the statutes, as created by chapter 317, laws of 1959, is amended to read:

51.36 (6) (a) Except in counties having a population of 500,000 or more every county, city, town or village, or combination thereof, or any nonprofit corporation establishing and administering a community mental health clinic program shall, before it may qualify under this section, establish a representative governing and policy-making board of directors which shall be charged with the operation and administration of the clinic program concerned. The board of directors shall be composed of not less than 9 nor more than 15 persons of recognized ability and demonstrated interest in the problems of community mental health, except that no more than 2 persons shall be appointed from any one group or interest in the community *but where a county singly (or in combination under par. (b) 2) establishes such a program such restriction on appointments from the county board membership shall not apply where an appointee is also a member of another group or interest in the community. Subject to the foregoing limitations, county board members may be appointed to said board of directors notwithstanding the provisions of s. 66.11 (2).* In counties having a population of 500,000 or more the county clinic program shall be governed by the board of public welfare as established by s. 46.21 who shall constitute the local board of directors.

SECTION 2. 51.36 (10) of the statutes is created to read:

51.36 (10) OTHER POWERS OF COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS. County boards are authorized to appropriate county funds for the operation of any community mental health clinic, including nonprofit corporations, established under sub. (5). The legislature finds that the expenditure of county funds for the support of such clinics is for a public purpose.

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