

1983 Assembly Bill 901

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AN ACT *to create* 15.197 (1) and 51.02 of the statutes, *relating to* creating a council on mental health.

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

SECTION 1. 15.197 (1) of the statutes is created to read:

15.197 (1) COUNCIL ON MENTAL HEALTH. There is created in the department of health and social services a council on mental health consisting of 15 members nominated by the secretary of health and social services and appointed by the governor for staggered 3-year terms. Persons appointed to the council on mental health shall have a recognized interest in and demonstrated knowledge of the problems of mental health. At least one-half of the members shall be consumers of mental health services or persons who do not provide mental health services. The council shall include representatives of all of the following:

- (a) Consumers of mental health services and family members of such consumers.
- (b) Private organizations or groups concerned with mental health services.

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(c) Providers of mental health services.

(d) State and county agencies that are concerned with the planning, provision, operation or use of mental health services or facilities.

SECTION 2. 51.02 of the statutes is created to read:

51.02 Council on mental health. (1) The council on mental health shall have the following duties:

(a) Advise the department, the legislature and the governor on the use of state and federal resources and on the provision and administration of programs for persons who are mentally ill or who have other mental health problems, for groups who are not adequately served by the mental health system, for the prevention of mental health problems and for other mental health related purposes.

(b) Provide recommendations to the department on the expenditure of federal funds received under the mental health block grant under 42 USC 300x to 300x-9 and participate in the development of and monitor and evaluate the implementation of, the mental health block grant plan.

(c) Review all departmental plans for services affecting persons with mental illness and monitor the implementation of the plans.

(d) Serve as an advocate for persons with mental illness.

(e) Report annually to the department, the legislature and the governor on recommended policy changes in the area of mental health.

(2) The secretary shall submit all departmental plans affecting persons with mental illness to the council for its review. The council shall provide its recommendations to the secretary within such time as the secretary may require.

SECTION 3. Nonstatutory provisions. Notwithstanding section 15.197 (1) of the statutes, as created by this act, 5 of the initial members of the council on mental health shall be appointed for terms that expire on July 1, 1985, 5 of the initial members of the council on mental health shall be appointed for terms that expire on July 1, 1986, and 5 of the initial members of the council on mental health shall be appointed for terms that expire on July 1, 1987. The governor shall specify which members are to serve which terms. All subsequent appointments shall comply with section 15.197 (1) of the statutes.
