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1       **AN ACT** *to amend* 51.42 (4) (b) of the statutes; **relating to:** requiring county  
2           community programs board appointees to include consumers, law enforcement  
3           personnel and hospital employees or representatives and increasing the size of  
4           county community programs boards.

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

**JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE:** This draft was prepared for the Joint Legislative Council's Special Committee on Review of Emergency Detention and Admission of Minors Under Chapter 51.

Under current law, county departments of community programs are governed by boards comprised of members of the county board of supervisors and citizen members. The county community programs board is a governing and policy-making board. In a single-county department, the board must be composed of 9 to 15 persons. Members must have a recognized ability and demonstrated interest in the problems of the mentally ill, developmentally disabled, alcoholic, or drug dependent persons and shall have representation from the interest group of the mentally ill, the interest group of the developmentally disabled, the interest group of the alcoholic, and the interest group of the drug dependent. At least one member must be a consumer of services or a family member of the consumer. No more than 5 members may be county board of supervisors members.

In a multicounty department, the board is composed of 11 members, with 3 additional members for each county in a multicounty department of community programs in excess of 2. As with the single-county department board, a multicounty department board shall have representation from the interest group of the mentally ill, the interest group of the developmentally disabled, the interest group of the alcoholic, and the interest group of the drug dependent. At least one member must be a consumer of services or a family member of the consumer. Each of the counties in the multicounty department of community programs may appoint to the county community programs board not more than 3 members from its county board of supervisors.

This draft requires at least one of the members appointed to a single- or multicounty community programs board to be each of the following:

- A person who has received services for mental illness, intellectual disability, alcoholism, or drug dependence.
- A law enforcement officer.
- A hospital employee or representative.

The maximum number of members for a single-county department is accordingly increased to 17. The number of members for a multicounty department is increased to 13, with 3 additional members for each county in the multicounty department in excess of 2.

1           **SECTION 1.** 51.42 (4) (b) of the statutes is amended to read:

2           51.42 **(4)** (b) *Composition.* 1. In a single-county department of community programs  
3 the county community programs board shall be composed of not less than 9 nor more than ~~15~~  
4 17 persons of recognized ability and demonstrated interest in the problems of ~~the mentally ill,~~  
5 ~~developmentally disabled, alcoholic or drug dependent persons~~ who have mental illness,  
6 intellectual disability, alcoholism, or drug dependence, and shall have representation from the  
7 ~~interest group of the mentally ill, the interest group of the developmentally disabled, the~~  
8 ~~interest group of the alcoholic and the interest group of the drug dependent groups of persons~~  
9 with mental illness, intellectual disability, alcoholism, and drug dependence. ~~At least one~~  
10 ~~member~~ Of the members appointed to a county community programs board, at least one  
11 member shall be an individual who receives or has received services for mental illness,  
12 ~~developmental~~ intellectual disability, alcoholism or drug dependency ~~or~~ , at least one member  
13 ~~shall be a family member of such an individual,~~ at least one member shall be a law enforcement  
14 officer, and at least one member shall be a hospital employee or representative. No more than  
15 5 members may be appointed from the county board of supervisors.

16           2. In a multicounty department of community programs, the county community  
17 programs board shall be composed of ~~14~~ 13 members with 3 additional members for each

1 county in a multicounty department of community programs in excess of 2. Appointments  
2 shall be made by the county boards of supervisors of the counties in a multicounty department  
3 of community programs in a manner acceptable to the counties in the multicounty department  
4 of community programs and shall have representation from the interest group of the mentally  
5 ill, ~~the interest group of the developmentally disabled, the interest group of the alcoholic and~~  
6 ~~the interest group of the drug dependent~~ groups of persons with mental illness, intellectual  
7 disability, alcoholism, and drug dependence. ~~At least one member~~ Of the members appointed  
8 to a county community programs board, at least one member shall be an individual who  
9 receives or has received services for mental illness, developmental intellectual disability,  
10 alcoholism or drug dependency ~~or~~ , at least one member shall be a family member of such an  
11 individual, at least one member shall be a law enforcement officer, and at least one member  
12 shall be a hospital employee or representative. Each of the counties in the multicounty  
13 department of community programs may appoint to the county community programs board  
14 not more than 3 members from its county board of supervisors.

15 (END)