



2013 ASSEMBLY BILL 436

October 17, 2013 - Introduced by JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL. Referred to
Committee on Health.

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

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

This bill is explained in the NOTES provided by the Joint Legislative Council in
the bill.

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

JOINT LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PREFATORY NOTE: This bill 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

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

- A person who has received services for mental illness, developmental disability, alcoholism, or drug dependence.

- A family member of a person who has received services for mental illness, developmental 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) 1. and 2. of the statutes are amended to read:

2 51.42 (4) (b) 1. In a single-county department of community programs the
3 county community programs board shall be composed of not less than 9 nor more
4 than ~~15~~ 17 persons of recognized ability and demonstrated interest in the problems
5 of the mentally ill, developmentally disabled, alcoholic or drug dependent persons
6 who have mental illness, developmental disability, alcoholism, or drug dependence,
7 and shall have representation from the interest group of the mentally ill, the interest
8 group of the developmentally disabled, the interest group of the alcoholic and the
9 interest group of the drug dependent. At least one member groups of persons with
10 mental illness, developmental disability, alcoholism, and drug dependence. Of the
11 members appointed to a county community programs board, at least one member
12 shall be an individual who receives or has received services for mental illness,
13 developmental disability, alcoholism or drug dependency ~~or~~, at least one member
14 shall be a family member of such an individual, at least one member shall be a law

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1 enforcement officer, and at least one member shall be a hospital employee or
2 representative. No more than 5 members may be appointed from the county board
3 of supervisors.

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

22 (END)