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CHAPTER 316

AN ACT to repeal 46.51; and to create 20.005 (2) (a) (line 482a), 20.542 and 46.52 of the statutes, relating to the abolition of the interdepartmental commission on mental health, the establishment of a state mental health advisory committee and making an appropriation.

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

SECTION 1. 20.005 (2) (a) (line 482a) of the statutes is created to read:

20.005 (2) (a)		1959-1960	1960-1961
482a. Mental health advisory committee	20.542 (1)	\$18,000	\$20,000

SECTION 2. 20.542 of the statutes is created to read:

20.542 MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (1) There is appropriated from the general fund to the mental health advisory committee on July 1, 1959, \$18,000 and annually beginning July 1, 1960, \$20,000 for the execution of its functions under s. 46.52.

SECTION 3. 46.51 of the statutes is repealed.

SECTION 4. 46.52 of the statutes is created to read:

46.52 MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE. (1) CREATION. There is created a state mental health advisory committee for the period until June 30, 1963, unless such period is further extended by the legislature.

(2) COMPOSITION. The state mental health advisory committee shall be composed of 7 members appointed by the governor with the consent of the senate and 2 legislative members who shall be the chairman of the senate committee and the chairman of the assembly committee on public welfare, respectively. Each member appointed by the governor shall be a resident of the state who has demonstrated a continuing interest in the problems of mental health and their solution and who holds no position or employment with the state. All members shall be appointed for 4 years.

(3) ORGANIZATION. The committee shall meet in the first week of January, April, July and October, and may meet at such other times as the committee determines or the chairman directs. Annually it shall elect from its own membership a chairman, vice chairman and secretary. Five members shall constitute a quorum. Each member shall take and file the official oath. Members of the committee shall receive no compensation, but each member shall be entitled to his actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of his duties. The committee has the authority to appoint consulting subcommittees, the members of which shall also receive their actual and necessary expenses. All expense accounts shall be paid by the department of budget and accounts on certification of the chairman.

(4) FUNCTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE. (a) Conduct a review of the scope and degree of co-ordination of all state mental health programs and activities and make recommendations thereon to appropriate agencies.

(b) Examine the need for future state mental health activities, programs, services and facilities with particular emphasis on the need for prevention programs.

(c) Recommend to the appropriate agencies actions to integrate, co-ordinate, consolidate and otherwise reorganize specific activities as a means of developing a more effective and efficient total mental health program.

(d) Promote the co-ordination and efficient development of mental health services between the state and the subordinate levels of government.

(e) Report to the governor and legislative council, or the legislature while in session, its findings and recommendations made to state agencies and actions taken thereon.

(f) Employ an executive secretary and such staff as is necessary to implement the duties assigned to it. The executive secretary shall not come under the classified service but shall continue in his position at the pleasure of the committee.

(5) ACCESS TO RECORDS. The several agencies concerned with mental health shall co-operate with the committee in making available such records, except clinical records, as are requested. The various state agencies concerned with mental health shall co-operate with the committee in the execution of its functions.

Approved August 14, 1959.
