

HB 142 Review of Advisory Councils

Mental Health Oversight Advisory Council

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Statutory Authority: 53-21-702, MCA

Purpose

- Statutorily created in 1999 to provide input to DPHHS in developing and managing a public mental health system

General Information

Membership:

- Appointed by DPHHS
- 27 members (as of January 2012), half of whom are required by statute to be mental health services consumers, former recipients of mental health services, or immediate family members of mental health services recipients
- Other members include advocates for mental health consumers and their families, members of the public, mental health services providers, legislators, and DPHHS representatives
- Appointments must satisfy federal requirements for state oversight entities
- Geographic representation considered when appointing members
- Serve 4-year terms

Duties and Activities:

- Meets two times per year (last meeting held February 15-16, 2012)
- Required to provide the Legislative Finance Committee (and other designated interim committees, if any) with summaries of each meeting and recommendations made to DPHHS (DPHHS must provide these same committees with its rationale for not accepting or implementing any Council recommendation)
- Reviews the Mental Health Block Grant Plan and makes recommendations to DPHHS
- Advocates for adults with serious mental illness, children with serious emotional disturbance, individuals with co-occurring disorders, and other individuals with mental illnesses
- Monitors, reviews, and evaluates, not less than once per year, the allocation and adequacy of mental health services within Montana

Budget Information

Federal law requires states to perform mental health planning as a condition of receipt of federal Mental Health Block Grant funds. Montana receives an annual grant of approximately \$1.2 million.

For FY 2011, expenditures were as follows:

- Members' travel, lodging, and per diem: \$5,350.62
- Teleconferencing: \$4,861.04
- Meeting space and catering: \$2,344.57
- Staff time (salary & benefits): \$19,536

Recent Activities

- Identifying solutions to crisis stabilization services for children
- Developing recommendations for effective youth transitions
- Planning and developing Council priorities for fiscal year 2013

Mental Health Oversight Advisory Council Membership

Members	Hometown	Representing	Term Expires
Christine Bates	Wolf Creek	Children's Providers	6/30/2014
Thomas Camel	Ronan	Native Americans	6/30/2012
Monique Casbeer	Missoula	Western Service Area Authority	N/A
Joseph Chalupa	Billings	Parent of Child 16 & Under	6/30/2012
Chris Daem	Billings	Parent of Child 18 & Under	6/30/2014
Jodi Daly	Butte	Central Service Area Authority	N/A
Patricia Fandrich	Butte	Developmental Disabilities/Vocational Rehabilitation Services	N/A
Leslie Edgcomb	Helena	Housing Programs	N/A
Jim FitzGerald	Helena	Mental Health Provider/ Children	6/30/2013
Bill Hodges	Hardin	Mental Health Advocates	6/30/2014
Suzanne Hopkins	Lewistown	Consumers	6/30/2014
Andy Hunthausen	Helena	Local Government	N/A
Esther Kramer	Scobey	Consumers	6/30/2012
Mick Leary	Helena	Social Services	N/A
Brett Linneweber	Livingston	Criminal Justice	12/2015
Vacant	N/A	Office of Public Instruction	N/A
Melinda Mason	Florence	Mental Health Providers	6/30/2012
Dorothy McCartney	Great Falls	Families of Consumers	6/30/2014
Michelle Miller	Butte	Parent of Child	6/30/2012
Gary Popiel	Bozeman	Family of Consumers	6/30/2013
Robert Ross	Billings	Community Health Center Provider	6/30/2012
Robert Runkel	Helena	Social Services	N/A
Rep. Diane Sands	Missoula	Legislator	6/30/2012
Jo Shipman	Lewistown	Eastern Service Area Authority	6/30/2012
Lou Thompson	Helena	Mental Health	N/A
Karen Ward	Missoula	Family of Consumers	6/30/2013
Patrick Wayne	Missoula	Consumers	6/30/2014