

ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 2519

By: Toure of the House
and
Monson of the Senate

An Act relating to the Interagency Council for Services to Mentally Ill Homeless Persons; amending Section 1 of House Joint Resolution No. 1056 of the 2nd Session of the 43rd Oklahoma Legislature, as last amended by Section 11, Chapter 2, O.S.L. 1994 (43A O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 3-250), which relates to the creation, membership and duties of the Interagency Council for Services to Mentally Ill Homeless Persons; modifying termination date of the Council; and declaring an emergency.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA:

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY Section 1 of House Joint Resolution No. 1056 of the 2nd Session of the 43rd Oklahoma Legislature, as last amended by Section 11, Chapter 2, O.S.L. 1994 (43A O.S. Supp. 1995, Section 3-250), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-250. A. There is hereby ~~created~~ re-created until February 1, ~~1996~~ 1997, the Interagency Council for Services to Mentally Ill Homeless Persons.

B. The Interagency Council for Services to Mentally Ill Homeless Persons shall be composed of fourteen (14) members as follows:

1. The Director of the Department of Human Services, or his designee;

2. The Director of the State Department of Rehabilitation Services, or his designee;

3. Two persons representing the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, one of whom shall be the Commissioner of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, or his designee, and one of whom shall be a person designated by the Commissioner to represent individuals having knowledge of and experience in services for homeless mentally ill persons;

4. The Director of the Oklahoma Housing Finance Agency, or his designee;

5. The Director of the Oklahoma Employment Security Commission, or his designee;

6. The Director of the Oklahoma Department of Commerce, or his designee;

7. The Director of the Oklahoma Commission on Children and Youth, or his designee;

8. Two persons appointed by the State Board of Vocational and Technical Education; and

9. Four persons representing private agencies or organizations providing services to homeless mentally ill persons, appointed by the Governor from a list of not less than eight persons submitted by the Oklahoma Homeless Network.

C. The chairperson and any other officers of the Interagency Council for Services to Mentally Ill Homeless Persons shall be elected by the membership of the Council during its first meeting and upon a vacancy of any office. The Interagency Council for Services to Mentally Ill Homeless Persons shall meet at least monthly, and may meet more often as necessary. Members of the Council shall be reimbursed for expenses incurred in the performance of their duties pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel

Reimbursement Act, Section 500.1 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

D. Administrative support for the Interagency Council for Services to Mentally Ill Homeless Persons, including but not limited to personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance of the duties and responsibilities of the Council, shall be provided by the Department of Human Services. The Department may provide for such administrative support through interagency agreements with other state agencies represented on the Council, pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Section 1001 et seq. of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

E. The Interagency Council for Services to Mentally Ill Homeless Persons shall:

1. Develop and implement a plan for the cooperative and coordinated delivery of services by the public and private agencies responsible for services to mentally ill and homeless persons. Such plan shall specify the respective roles, duties and responsibilities of said public and private agencies, the policies and procedures to be implemented, and methods to ensure the accountability of the respective agencies for the proper implementation of the plan. The policies and procedures included in the plan shall be designed to reduce or eliminate barriers to services. The provisions of the plan shall be implemented through interagency agreements pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act or by contract, as appropriate;

2. Establish a central grants clearinghouse for:

- a. the distribution of information regarding available public and private grants for services to mentally ill and homeless persons,
- b. the provision of technical assistance to public and private agencies making applications for such grants,
and

c. coordination of the preparation of grant applications to ensure the maximum effectiveness of such grants as may be awarded to a public or private agency; and

3. Investigate and make recommendations regarding methods of ensuring the equitable distribution of state and federal funds for services to mentally ill and homeless persons.

F. The Interagency Council for Services to Mentally Ill Homeless Persons shall make regular, but not less than quarterly, reports to each agency affected by the report, and annual reports to the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives and to appropriate committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives.

SECTION 2. It being immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

Passed the House of Representatives the 27th day of February, 1996.

Speaker of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 1996.

President of the Senate