

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

2nd Session of the 46th Legislature (1998)

HOUSE BILL NO. 2362

By: Ross

AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to mental health; amending 43A O.S. 1991, Section 3-306, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 348, O.S.L. 1992 (43A O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 3-306), which relates to the Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services responsibilities for community mental health services; clarifying language; and providing an effective date.

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 1991, Section 3-306, as amended by Section 2, Chapter 348, O.S.L. 1992 (43A O.S. Supp. 1997, Section 3-306), is amended to read as follows:

Section 3-306. The Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall have the following responsibilities and authority:

1. To promulgate and enforce policies and regulations to assure statewide conformance with standards of care and operation and promulgate rules and regulations governing eligibility of public agencies or mental health facilities to contract with the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services; prescribe standards for qualifications ~~or~~ of personnel and quality of professional

services; ensure eligibility for community mental health services so that no person will be denied services on the basis of race, color or creed or inability to pay; and promulgate such other rules and regulations as may be necessary to carry out the provisions of the Unified Community Mental Health Services Act, Section 3-301 et seq. of this title;

2. To provide technical assistance to community mental health facilities and boards;

3. To provide clinical, fiscal and management audit of services and facilities;

4. To approve and compile catchment area plans and budget requests into a statewide mental health plan and budget for submission to the Governor, Legislature and federal funding sources as appropriate;

5. To provide funding to each Community Mental Health Board within available funds for the performance of its duties prescribed herein;

6. To review and evaluate local programs for community mental health services and the performance of administrative and professional personnel in municipalities having Community Mental Health Boards and make recommendations to Community Mental Health Boards;

7. To certify community mental health centers for a period of three (3) years subject to renewal as provided in the rule promulgated by the Board; and

8. To assist mental health facilities in the recruitment of qualified personnel and in conducting in-service training programs.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 1998.

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