

1 STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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3 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE
4 FOR
5 HOUSE BILL NO. 1748

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8 An Act relating to behavioral health; establishing
9 the Statewide Behavioral Health Task Force; stating
10 membership and duties; requiring certain reports;
11 providing for codification; providing an effective
12 date; and declaring an emergency.

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

14 SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified
15 in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-113 of Title 43A, unless there
16 is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

17 A. There is hereby created until February 1, 2001, the
18 Statewide Behavioral Health Task Force.

19 B. The Statewide Behavioral Health Task Force shall be
20 composed of fourteen (14) members as follows:

21 1. The Director of the Department of Human Services, or a
22 designee;

23 2. The Director of the Department of Corrections, or a
24 designee;

25 3. The Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health and
26 Substance Abuse Services, or a designee;

27 4. The Commissioner of Health, or a designee;

28 5. The Executive Director of the Office of Juvenile Affairs,
29 or a designee;

30 6. The Administrator of the Oklahoma Healthcare Authority, or
31 a designee;

32 7. The Superintendent of Public Instruction, or a designee;

1 8. A medical doctor certified as an addiction specialist, to
2 be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;

3 9. A licensed behavioral health provider, to be appointed by
4 the President Pro Tempore of the Senate;

5 10. Five persons representing the following groups:

6 a. a certified behavioral health services provider,

7 b. a woman consumer of behavioral health services who has
8 children,

9 c. a family member of an adolescent consumer of
10 behavioral health services,

11 d. an adolescent consumer of behavioral health services,
12 and

13 e. a family member of an adult consumer of behavioral
14 health services,

15 all to be appointed by the Governor.

16 C. The chair and any other officers of the Statewide
17 Behavioral Health Task Force shall be elected by the membership of
18 the Task Force during its first meeting and upon a vacancy of any
19 office. The Statewide Behavioral Task Force shall meet at least
20 monthly, and may meet more often as necessary. Task Force members
21 employed by the state shall be reimbursed by their respective
22 employing agency pursuant to the State Travel Reimbursement Act.
23 Any other Task Force member may receive reimbursement from their
24 appointing authority.

25 D. Administrative support for the Statewide Behavioral Health
26 Task Force, including but not limited to personnel necessary to
27 ensure the proper performance of the duties and responsibilities of
28 the Task Force, shall be provided by the Department of Mental Health
29 and Substance Abuse Services. The Department may provide for such
30 administrative support through interagency agreements with other
31 state agencies represented on the Task Force, pursuant to the
32 Interlocal Cooperation Act.

1 E. The Statewide Behavioral Health Task Force shall:

2 1. Develop a plan for the cooperative and coordinated delivery
3 of services by the public and private agencies responsible for
4 services to persons needing behavioral health services. Such plan
5 shall specify the respective roles, duties, and responsibilities of
6 the public and private agencies, the policies and procedures to be
7 implemented, and methods to ensure the accountability of the
8 respective agencies for the proper implementation of the plan. The
9 policies and procedures included in the plan shall be designed to
10 reduce or eliminate barriers to services. The provisions of the
11 plan shall be implemented through interagency agreements pursuant to
12 the Interlocal Cooperation Act or by contract, as appropriate;

13 2. Establish a central grants clearinghouse for:

14 a. the distribution of information regarding available
15 public and private grants for persons needing
16 behavioral health services,

17 b. the provision of technical assistance to public and
18 private agencies making applications for such grants,
19 and

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

23 3. Investigate and make recommendations regarding methods of
24 ensuring the equitable distribution of state and federal funds for
25 services to persons needing behavioral health services; and

26 4. Submit proposed legislation, if needed, to achieve the
27 goals of the Task Force.

28 F. The Statewide Behavioral Health Task Force shall make
29 regular, but not less than quarterly, reports to each agency
30 affected by the report, and annual reports to the Governor, the
31 President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
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1 Representatives, and to appropriate committees of the Senate and the
2 House of Representatives.

3 SECTION 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1999.

4 SECTION 3. It being immediately necessary for the preservation
5 of the public peace, health and safety, an emergency is hereby
6 declared to exist, by reason whereof this act shall take effect and
7 be in full force from and after its passage and approval.

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