ENGROSSED HOUSE
BILL NO. 1417

By: Blackburn of the House

and

Monson of the Senate

An Act relating to mental health; re-creating the Task Force on Behavioral Health; establishing membership and duties of Task Force; providing for travel reimbursement; requiring certain reports; providing for codification; and declaring an emergency.

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

SECTION 1. NEW LAW A new section of law to be codified in the Oklahoma Statutes as Section 3-113.1 of Title 43A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. There is hereby re-created until July 1, 2004, the Task Force on Behavioral Health.

B. The Task Force shall be composed of twenty-four (24) members as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

6. The Administrator of the Oklahoma Health Care Authority, or a designee;

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

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

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

10. Three persons appointed by the Governor, representing the following groups:

a. a family member of a child consumer of behavioral health services,

b. a not-for-profit youth and family services provider, and

c. a consumer of domestic violence services;

11. Three persons appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, representing the following groups:

a. a for-profit behavioral health provider,

b. a not-for-profit substance abuse treatment provider, and

c. a consumer of mental health services;

12. Three persons appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, representing the following groups:

a. a not-for-profit community mental health provider,

b. a not-for-profit domestic violence services provider, and

c. a consumer of substance abuse services;

13. Three members of the Oklahoma House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives; and

14. Three members of the Oklahoma State Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

C. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each name a cochair of the Task Force from among the legislative members appointed to the Task Force. The members of the Task Force shall elect any other officers during the first meeting and upon a vacancy in any office. The Task

Force shall meet as often as necessary. Task Force members employed by the state shall be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the Task Force by their respective agencies pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act. Legislative members of the Task Force shall be reimbursed for their necessary travel expenses incurred in the performance of their duties in accordance with Section 456 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes. Remaining Task Force members shall be reimbursed travel expenses related to their service on the Task Force by their appointing authorities pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

D. Administrative support for the Task Force, including, but not limited to, personnel necessary to ensure the proper performance of the duties and responsibilities of the Task Force, shall be provided by the staff of the House of Representatives and the Senate. All participating state agencies may provide for any administrative support through interagency agreements with other state agencies represented on the Task Force, pursuant to the provisions of the Interlocal Cooperation Act.

E. The Task Force shall:

1. Make recommendations regarding the cooperative and coordinated delivery of behavioral health services by state agencies responsible for providing such services. In making such recommendations, the Task Force shall conduct a review which includes, but is not limited to:

a. identification of all services currently offered and persons actually served,

b. identification of barriers to services,

c. assessment of the quality of services offered and recommendations to improve the quality of services offered,

d. the extent of duplication of effort between state agencies and recommendations for integration and appropriate streamlining of service delivery,

e. assessment of oversight of providers of behavioral health services to determine whether the type of oversight is appropriate to the services offered and is adequate to ensure quality, and whether oversight services are duplicated by more than one agency,

f. assessment of performance outcomes, and recommendations for improvement of performance outcomes,

g. cost analysis of provided services,

h. analysis of how to fund adequate services while ensuring quality,

i. identification of the nature and requirements of available grants and the ability of state agencies and their contractors to obtain available grants,

j. identification of any other problem area related to delivery of behavioral health services,

k. recommendations for development of a behavioral health system of care for children,

l. recommendations for an integrated and comprehensive behavioral health system of care for adults needing substance abuse treatment or other behavioral health services,

m. review of professional qualifications of providers of behavioral health services, and

n. examination of the privatization of services provided to the population served by state agencies and recommendations regarding privatization of services; and

2. Submit any legislative proposals necessary to implement the findings of the Task Force on or before December 1 of each year.

F. The Task Force shall submit an annual report to each agency affected by the report, the Governor, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the appropriate committees of the State 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 8th day of March, 2001.

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Presiding Officer of the House of Representatives

Passed the Senate the ____ day of _____, 2001.

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Presiding Officer of the Senate