SENATE FLOOR VERSION
February 16, 2015
AS AMENDED

SENATE BILL NO. 253 By: Fields of the Senate

and

Cox of the House

[Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services - composition of the Board - quorum - effective date]

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

SECTION 1. AMENDATORY 43A O.S. 2011, Section 2-103, is amended to read as follows:

Section 2-103. A. The Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall be composed of ~~eleven (11)~~ twelve (12) members, appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. Each term is for a seven-year period and members may be reappointed to subsequent terms. Board members shall meet the following criteria:

1. One member, who shall be a physician licensed to practice in this state, and one member, who shall be a psychiatrist certified as a diplomate of the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, shall both be appointed from a list containing the names of not less than

three physicians and not less than three psychiatrists submitted to the Governor by the Oklahoma State Medical Association;

2. Two members shall be osteopathic physicians licensed to practice in this state, appointed from a list containing the names of not less than six osteopathic physicians submitted to the Governor by the Oklahoma Osteopathic Association;

3. One member, who shall be an attorney licensed to practice in this state and shall be appointed from a list of not less than three names submitted to the Governor by the Board of Governors of the Oklahoma Bar Association;

~~3.~~ 4. One member, who shall be a psychologist, licensed to practice in this state, who shall be appointed from a list of not less than three names submitted to the Governor by the Oklahoma State Psychological Association;

~~4.~~ 5. Three members, qualified by education and experience in the area of substance abuse recovery, who shall be appointed from a list of not less than ten names submitted to the Governor by a state association of substance abuse recovery programs or organizations; and

~~5.~~ 6. Four members who shall be citizens of this state, at least one of whom shall be either a current or former consumer of mental health services.

B. No person shall be appointed a member of the Board who has been a member of the Legislature of this state within the preceding five (5) years.

C. The Board shall elect from among its members a chair and a vice-chair. The chair may call meetings at any time.

D. All regularly scheduled meetings of the Board shall be held at the Central Office of the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, unless otherwise scheduled. ~~Six~~ Seven members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting, and all action may be taken by an affirmative vote of the majority of the members present at any such meeting.

E. The action taken by the Board on any matter, or any document passed by the Board, shall be considered official when such action is placed in writing and signed by the chair or vice-chair.

F. The duties of the Board shall pertain to the care, treatment, and hospitalization of persons with mental illness, or alcohol- or drug-dependent persons.

G. Members of the Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall be allowed their necessary travel expenses pursuant to the provisions of the State Travel Reimbursement Act.

H. Members of the Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services shall be allowed to serve on the State Board of Medical Licensure and Supervision and the State Board of Osteopathic

Examiners during members' terms on the Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services.

SECTION 2. This act shall become effective November 1, 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORT BY: COMMITTEE ON HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
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