

STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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AS INTRODUCED

An Act relating to mental health; creating the Advisory Board for Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment; stating purpose; providing for composition of Board membership; providing for travel reimbursement; requiring Board to develop certain recommendations and write reports; requiring compliance with certain act; permitting use of certain staff; providing for codification; and providing an effective date.

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 2-103A of Title 43A, unless there is created a duplication in numbering, reads as follows:

A. 1. There is hereby created an Advisory Board for Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment.

2. The purpose of the Board shall be to advise and make recommendations to the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services in order to:

- a. address issues impacting the ability of individuals to receive treatment for alcohol and substance abuse, and

1 b. address issues pertaining to the care, treatment and
2 hospitalization of persons with mental illness.

3 B. The Board, appointed by the Commissioner of the Department
4 of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, with the advice and
5 consent of the Board of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services,
6 shall be composed of the following members:

7 1. Sixteen members representing four separate quadrants of the
8 state who are qualified by education and experience in the area of
9 alcohol and substance abuse recovery; and

10 2. Sixteen members representing four separate quadrants of the
11 state who are either a current or former recipient of mental health
12 services.

13 C. Each quadrant of the state shall consist of eight members.
14 Members representing each quadrant shall meet at a location within
15 the quadrant as established by the Commissioner.

16 D. Members of the Board shall not receive compensation for
17 serving on the Board, but shall be reimbursed for travel expenses
18 incurred in the performance of their duties.

19 E. The Board shall have the duty and responsibility to develop
20 recommendations concerning specific ways to assist persons in the
21 state with mental illness or to assist alcohol- or drug-dependent
22 persons. Recommendations shall be made from each quadrant and shall
23 be contained in a report to be submitted to the Commissioner no
24 later than December 31, 2016.

1 F. Proceedings of all meetings of the Board shall comply with
2 the provisions of the Oklahoma Open Meeting Act.

3 G. The Board may use the expertise and services of the staff of
4 the Department and may, as necessary, seek the advice and services
5 of experts in the field as well as other necessary professional and
6 clerical staff.

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

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