

SENATE BILL NO. 1170

May 27, 1998, Introduced by Senators GEAKE, BYRUM, CONROY,
SCHWARZ and MC MANUS and referred to the Committee on
Appropriations.

A bill to amend 1974 PA 258, entitled
"Mental health code,"
by amending section 226 (MCL 330.1226), as amended by 1996 PA
588.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 226. (1) The board of a community mental health serv-
2 ices program shall do all of the following:

3 (a) Annually conduct a needs assessment to determine the
4 mental health needs of the residents of the county or counties it
5 represents and identify public and nonpublic services necessary
6 to meet those needs. Information and data concerning the mental
7 health needs of individuals with developmental disability, seri-
8 ous mental illness, and serious emotional disturbance shall be
9 reported to the department in accordance with procedures — and
10 at a time — established by the department, along with plans to

1 meet identified needs. It is the responsibility of the community
2 mental health services program to involve the public and private
3 providers of mental health services located in the county or
4 counties served by the community mental health program in this
5 assessment and service identification process. The needs assess-
6 ment shall include information gathered from all appropriate
7 sources, including community mental health waiting list data and
8 school districts providing special education services.

9 (b) Annually review and submit to the department a needs
10 assessment report, annual plan, and request for new funds for the
11 community mental health services program. The standard format
12 and documentation of the needs assessment, annual plan, and
13 request for new funds shall be specified by the department.

14 (c) In the case of a county community mental health agency,
15 obtain approval of its needs assessment, annual plan and budget,
16 and request for new funds from the board of commissioners of each
17 participating county ~~prior to~~ BEFORE submission of the plan to
18 the department. In the case of a community mental health organi-
19 zation, provide a copy of its needs assessment, annual plan,
20 request for new funds, and any other document specified in
21 accordance with the terms and conditions of the organization's
22 inter-local agreement to the board of commissioners of each
23 county creating the organization. In the case of a community
24 mental health authority, provide a copy of its needs assessment,
25 annual plan, and request for new funds to the board of commis-
26 sioners of each county creating the authority.

1 (d) Submit the needs assessment, annual plan, and request
2 for new funds to the department by the date specified by the
3 department. The submission constitutes the community mental
4 health services program's official application for new state
5 funds.

6 (e) Provide and advertise a public hearing on the needs
7 assessment, annual plan, and request for new funds before provid-
8 ing them to the county board of commissioners.

9 (f) Submit to each board of commissioners for their approval
10 an annual request for county funds to support the program. The
11 request shall be in the form and at the time determined by the
12 board or boards of commissioners.

13 (g) Annually approve the community mental health services
14 program's operating budget for the year.

15 (h) Take those actions it considers necessary and appropri-
16 ate to secure private, federal, and other public funds to help
17 support the community mental health services program.

18 (i) Approve and authorize all contracts for the provision of
19 services.

20 (j) Review and evaluate the quality, effectiveness, and
21 efficiency of services being provided by the community mental
22 health services program. The board shall identify specific per-
23 formance criteria and standards to be used in the review and
24 evaluation. These shall be in writing and available for public
25 inspection upon request.

26 (k) Subject to subsection (3), appoint an executive director
27 of the community mental health services program who shall meet

1 standards of training and experience established by the
2 department.

3 (1) Establish general policy guidelines within which the
4 executive director shall execute the community mental health
5 services program.

6 (m) Require the executive director to select a physician, a
7 registered professional nurse with a specialty certification
8 issued under section 17210 of the public health code, ~~Act~~
9 ~~No. 368 of the Public Acts of 1978, being section 333.17210 of~~
10 ~~the Michigan Compiled Laws 1978 PA 368, MCL 333.17210, or a~~
11 licensed psychologist to advise the executive director on treat-
12 ment issues.

13 (2) A community mental health services program may do all of
14 the following:

15 (a) Establish demonstration projects allowing the executive
16 director to do 1 or both of the following:

17 (i) Issue a voucher to a recipient in accordance with the
18 recipient's plan of services developed by the community mental
19 health services program.

20 (ii) Provide funding for the purpose of establishing revolv-
21 ing loans to assist recipients of public mental health services
22 to acquire or maintain affordable housing. Funding under this
23 subparagraph shall only be provided through an agreement with a
24 nonprofit fiduciary.

25 (b) Carry forward any surplus of revenue over expenditures
26 under a capitated managed care system. Capitated payments under

1 a managed care system are not subject to cost settlement
2 provisions of section 236.

3 (c) ~~Until March 29, 1999, carry~~ CARRY forward the operat-
4 ing margin up to 5% of the community mental health services
5 program's state share of the operating budget. As used in this
6 subdivision, "operating margin" means the excess of state revenue
7 over state expenditures for a single fiscal year exclusive of
8 capitated payments under a managed care system. In the case of a
9 community mental health authority, this carryforward is in addi-
10 tion to the reserve accounts described in section 205(4)(h).

11 (d) Pursue, develop, and establish partnerships with private
12 individuals or organizations to provide mental health services.

13 (3) In the case of a county community mental health agency,
14 the initial appointment by the board of an individual as execu-
15 tive director is effective unless rejected by a 2/3 vote of the
16 county board of commissioners within 15 calendar days.