

**ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
COMMISSION ON MENTAL HEALTH**



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I. STATUTORY DIRECTIVE

The Commission on Mental Health is established by IC 12-21-6.5 to do the following:

- (1) Study and evaluate the funding system for mental health services in Indiana.
- (2) Review and make specific recommendations regarding the provision of mental health services delivered by community providers and state operated hospitals. The review and recommendations must cover services to all age groups including children, youth, and adults.
- (3) Review and make recommendations regarding any unmet need for public supported mental health services:
 - (A) in any specific geographic area; or
 - (B) throughout Indiana.

In formulating recommendations, the commission shall consider the need, feasibility, and desirability of including additional organizations in the network of providers of mental health services.

- (4) Monitor the implementation of managed care for the mentally ill that is paid for in part or in whole by the state.
- (5) Make recommendations regarding the commission's findings to the appropriate division or department of state government.

II. SUMMARY OF WORK PROGRAM

The Commission met five times during the 2007 interim session on July 24, 2007, August 14, 2007, September 11, 2007, October 9, 2007, and October 30, 2007.

At the July 24, 2007, meeting, the Commission received a report from the Division of Mental Health and Addiction (DMHA) of the Family and Social Services Administration (FSSA) on initiatives DMHA had undertaken during the past year. The Commission received a report on efforts of other State agencies in the mental health area. There was also discussion of the Transformation Plan adopted in response to the President's New Freedom Commission report completed a few years ago. The Commission also received data compiled from consumer services reviews of services being provided by DMHA.

At the August 14, 2007 meeting, the Commission received information concerning the Medicaid Drug Utilization Board and the Mental Health Quality Advisory Committee. The Commission received information concerning the drug formulary used by the Department of Correction (DOC). There was also discussion of initiatives between primary care providers and mental health providers in local communities.

At the September 11, 2007, meeting, the Commission received information on the expenditure for mental health services for school-age children made by the Department of Education. The Commission received a report on the behavioral health carve-in of Hoosier

Healthwise and received presentations from the three managed care organizations (MCO's) providing mental health care under Hoosier Healthwise. There was a presentation on access to mental health treatment available to residents of Indiana. Information was provided concerning facility fees for hospital based community mental health centers. Information was provided on the care select program and the status of state hospitals.

At the October 9, 2007, meeting, the Commission received information on court-ordered assisted outpatient treatment statutes (Kendra's Law). FSSA provided an update on financing for mental health services and changes in federal funding. The Commission received information on forensic issues, including diversion programs, re-entry programs crisis intervention training (CIT), and the issue of medical and mental health records following an inmate from a county jail to a correctional facility and for transfers within the DOC.

At the October 20, 2007, meeting, the Commission received a presentation on the Indiana State Bar Association pilot project on juvenile screening, assessment, and treatment. The Commission received follow up information on MCO's and received information on funding issues facing community mental health centers. The Commission discussed bill drafts. (See III. Recommendations)

Meeting minutes for the Commission can be accessed from the General Assembly Homepage at <http://www.in.gov/legislative/>.

III. Recommendations

_____ At the October 30, 2007, meeting, the Commission approved the following two bill drafts:

_____ PD 3291 appropriating \$13,333,333 for the Forensic Diversion Program. The draft was approved by a vote of 13 to 0.

PD 3307 requiring crisis intervention training (CIT) for all employees and volunteers working with a forensic diversion program. The draft was approved by a vote of 13 to 0.

At the October 30, 2007, meeting, the Commission endorsed the concept of using the same drug formulary for drugs to treat mental illness by the DOC as for Medicaid.