

1 AN ACT concerning State government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Department of Human Services Act is amended  
5 by adding Section 10-60 as follows:

6 (20 ILCS 1305/10-60 new)

7 Sec. 10-60. Mental Health Work Group.

8 (a) The Department's Division of Mental Health under the  
9 leadership of Secretary and as the State Mental Health  
10 Authority, in an effort to develop and establish a  
11 comprehensive State mental health plan for Illinois, to  
12 coordinate all policy making in mental health, and to provide  
13 oversight and assume monitoring responsibility for all mental  
14 health programs and initiatives funded by the State and federal  
15 agencies, shall convene and lead a Work Group composed of  
16 directors of State agencies and principal stakeholders in the  
17 public mental health system, including but not limited to:

18 (1) The Department of Human Services in the program  
19 areas of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse, Community Health  
20 and Prevention, Developmental Disabilities, Human Capital  
21 Development, and Rehabilitation Services.

22 (2) The Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

23 (3) The Department of Corrections.

1 (4) The Department of Juvenile Justice.

2 (5) The Department of Children and Family Services.

3 (6) The Department of Public Health.

4 (7) The Department on Aging.

5 (8) The State Board of Education.

6 The Work Group shall also include representatives of other  
7 agencies and commissions of State government, including:

8 (9) The Illinois Housing Authority.

9 (10) The Illinois Violence Prevention Authority.

10 (11) The Criminal Justice Information Authority.

11 The Work Group shall also include adult consumers of mental  
12 health services and parents of youth with serious emotional  
13 disturbance.

14 The Work Group shall also include clinical practitioners,  
15 academics, advocacy groups, and other stakeholders as deemed  
16 appropriate by the mental health authority.

17 (b) The Department's Division of Mental Health, as the  
18 State Mental Health Authority, shall have timely access to all  
19 data, service reports, surveys, and other relevant data  
20 maintained by any State agency purchasing or providing mental  
21 health services. This access is deemed necessary by the State  
22 Mental Health Authority to report on the status of the mental  
23 health service system in Illinois.

24 (c) The Work Group is charged with designing Illinois'  
25 mental health system to be more efficient and effective as well  
26 as reduce redundancies in the delivery of services to persons

1 with mental illnesses in the following ways:

2 (1) Conducting a thorough statewide needs assessment  
3 and reporting on the current status of the mental health  
4 system using data from all state agencies.

5 (2) Developing a comprehensive State mental health  
6 plan.

7 (3) Identifying and implementing policy,  
8 organizational, and financing changes required to  
9 effectively carry out the State plan.

10 (4) Coordinating policy actions with other State  
11 agencies and on all federal initiatives.

12 (5) Incorporating a children's mental health plan into  
13 all planning activities.

14 (6) Establishing cross-departmental management teams  
15 to address specific policy areas, address specific  
16 transformation planning objectives, and implement and  
17 monitor policy decisions. Specific focus shall be given to  
18 cross-departmental management of the long-term care system  
19 as the State moves to rebalancing services, shifting  
20 resources to the community-based settings.

21 (d) The Work Group shall coordinate its policy and planning  
22 activities with other State-federal initiative planning and  
23 leadership groups.

24 (e) The "Illinois Comprehensive State Mental Health Plan"  
25 shall include but need not be limited to the following:

26 (1) A review and analysis of all laws, rules and

1 regulations, and programs and policies of the State of  
2 Illinois and of the departments, commissions, boards,  
3 agencies, and offices in the executive branch thereof,  
4 which pertain to mental health care services and supports.  
5 The analysis shall identify barriers to access and make  
6 recommendations that will enable the residents of Illinois  
7 who require assistance to access needed mental health care  
8 services.

9 (2) The development of proposals for administrative  
10 restructuring of existing and future programs, policies,  
11 and procedures to improve the mental health care delivery  
12 system, including non-medical services such as  
13 transportation, housing, education, and vocational  
14 assistance, that are necessary for recovery and productive  
15 community-based living for persons with mental illnesses,  
16 which are achievable within resources available to the  
17 State.

18 (3) An analysis of programmatic, procedural, and  
19 fiscal impacts of any policies or practices recommended for  
20 adoption.

21 (4) Exploration of and recommendations as to methods to  
22 secure sufficient funding, develop and manage cross-agency  
23 (braided) funding, and administer and monitor all such  
24 funding under the Division of Mental Health, as the State  
25 Mental Health Authority, to provide community-based  
26 services for persons needing mental health care services.

1           (5) Recommendations on strategies to educate the  
2           public regarding identification of mental health care  
3           needs, effective treatments for mental illness, and  
4           methods of accessing services.

5           (f) In conducting the assessment of the current system,  
6           developing the Comprehensive State Mental Health Plan, and  
7           executing other work of the group, the Work Group shall:

8           (1) Review and incorporate all relevant work in  
9           progress or which has been completed by State departments,  
10           various statewide task forces, councils, commissions, and  
11           other bodies that have convened to address related mental  
12           health care issues.

13           (2) Consider all existing studies, reports, and  
14           settlement agreements related to the Illinois system of  
15           mental health services and supports.

16           (3) Obtain input from a broad range of stakeholders,  
17           including consumers, their family members, advocates, and  
18           private providers of services.

19           (4) Use consultation from nationally recognized  
20           experts and officials in other states in order to identify  
21           promising or proven practices that are consumer-centered,  
22           research-based, cost-effective, and applicable to  
23           improving accessibility, capacity, quality, and financing  
24           across all mental health care services and supports which  
25           may be adaptable in Illinois.

26           (g) Upon approval of the Illinois Comprehensive State

1 Mental Health Plan, the Work Group shall continue to meet  
2 quarterly to review progress in the implementation of the plan  
3 and shall revise the plan as needed based on lessons learned,  
4 stakeholder input, and advancements in best practices for the  
5 delivery of mental health care services.

6 (h) All departments, commissions, boards, offices,  
7 entities, agencies, and officers of the State of Illinois, or  
8 any political subdivision thereof, are authorized and directed  
9 to cooperate with the implementation of this amendatory Act of  
10 the 95th General Assembly.