

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 Mental Health and Developmental
5 Disabilities Administrative Act is amended by adding Section
6 18.6 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 1705/18.6 new)

8 Sec. 18.6. Mental Health Services Strategic Planning Task
9 Force.

10 (a) Task Force. The Mental Health Services Strategic
11 Planning Task Force is created.

12 (b) Meeting. The Task Force shall be appointed and hold its
13 first meeting within 90 days after the effective date of this
14 amendatory Act of the 97th General Assembly.

15 (c) Composition. The Task Force shall be comprised of the
16 following members:

17 (1) Two members of the Senate appointed by the
18 President of the Senate and 2 members of the Senate
19 appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate.

20 (2) Two members of the House of Representatives
21 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives
22 and 2 members of the House of Representatives appointed by
23 the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.

1 (3) One representative of the Division of Mental Health
2 within the Department of Human Services.

3 (4) One representative of the Department of Healthcare
4 and Family Services.

5 (5) One representative of the Bureau of Long Term Care
6 within the Department of Public Health.

7 (6) One representative of the Illinois Children's
8 Mental Health Partnership.

9 (7) Six representatives of the mental health providers
10 and community stakeholders selected from names submitted
11 by associates representing the various types of providers.

12 (8) Three representatives of the consumer community
13 including a primary consumer, secondary consumer, and a
14 representative of a mental health consumer advocacy
15 organization.

16 (9) An individual from a union representing State
17 employees providing services to persons with mental
18 illness.

19 (10) One academic specialist in mental health
20 outcomes, research, and evidence-based practices.

21 (d) Duty. The Task Force shall meet with the Office of the
22 Governor and the appropriate legislative committees on mental
23 health to develop a 5-year comprehensive strategic plan for the
24 State's mental health services. The plan shall address the
25 following topics:

26 (1) Provide sufficient home and community-based

1 services to give consumers real options in care settings.

2 (2) Improve access to care.

3 (3) Reduce regulatory redundancy.

4 (4) Maintain financial viability for providers in a
5 cost-effective manner to the State.

6 (5) Ensure care is effective, efficient, and
7 appropriate regardless of the setting in which it is
8 provided.

9 (6) Ensure quality of care in all care settings via the
10 use of appropriate clinical outcomes.

11 (7) Ensure hospitalizations and institutional care,
12 when necessary, is available to meet demand now and in the
13 future.

14 (e) The Task Force shall work in conjunction with the
15 Department of Human Services' Division of Developmental
16 Disabilities to ensure effective treatment for those dually
17 diagnosed with both mental illness and developmental
18 disabilities. The Task Force shall also work in conjunction
19 with the Department of Human Services' Division of Alcohol and
20 Substance Abuse to ensure effective treatment for those who are
21 dually diagnosed with both mental illness as well as substance
22 abuse challenges.

23 (f) Compensation. Members of the Task Force shall not
24 receive compensation nor reimbursement for necessary expenses
25 incurred in performing the duties associated with the Task
26 Force.

1 (g) Reporting. The Task Force shall present its plan to the
2 Governor and the General Assembly no later than 18 months after
3 the effective date of the amendatory Act of the 97th General
4 Assembly. With its approval and authorization, the Task Force
5 shall convene quarterly meetings during the implementation of
6 the 5-year strategic plan to monitor progress, review outcomes,
7 and make ongoing recommendations. These ongoing
8 recommendations shall be presented to the Governor and the
9 General Assembly for feedback, suggestions, support, and
10 approval. Within one year after recommendations are presented
11 to the Governor and the General Assembly, the General Assembly
12 shall vote on whether the recommendations should become law.

13 (h) Administrative support. The Department of Human
14 Services shall provide administrative and staff support to the
15 Task Force.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
17 becoming law.