

AN ACT concerning State government.

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

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

(20 ILCS 1705/18.6 new)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(1) Provide sufficient home and community-based

services to give consumers real options in care settings.

(2) Improve access to care.

(3) Reduce regulatory redundancy.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(i) This Section is repealed on December 31, 2019.

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