

Chair Kahle & House Health Committee members,

I'm in support of SB182 & SB190 and offer two suggestions.

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SB 182: Health Facilities - Certificate of Need Commission.

To provide for more consistency - right from the beginning, please consider additional language designating the most recent edition of "Roberts Rules of Order, Newly Revised (RRNR 2020)" as the approved "Parliamentary Authority Manual" for all situations it's not in conflict with the Constitutions, State Laws/Admin. Rules, or any "Rules of Procedure" approved by majority vote of the Commission at a Public Meeting.

The statutory foundation created for the specifically designed Boards & Commissions in Michigan does not currently provided for any 'Semblance of Order' across our State to protect fundamental rights of the voting members or reasonable "Rules of Procedure" to ensure minimal fairness. The current Lack of Order is diminishing the effectiveness of your efforts to generate consistently high-quality decisions while lessening the opportunity for Institutional Bullying and Systemic Racism.

Where there are no [by] laws and the Chair just does whatever they want, there is the least amount of Liberty in Michigan!

Please review and compare the approved Rules of Procedure for various Public Bodies in Michigan, including;

The Aviation Commission, the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission, the Suicide Prevention Commission, and the Board of State Canvassers.

SB 190: Accepting public patients as condition of licensing for psychiatric hospitals and psychiatric units.

Please add language to Sec. 137b(1) at page 4/line 7.

Please end the sentence in that Section with the phrase;

"and licensee shall provide an 'Individualized Written Plan of Services' consistent with MCL 330.1712, as amended."

This will ensure that those entities are absolutely aware of the minimum statutorily established standards for a mental health needs assessment in Michigan.

Thank you for your continued service,

James Gallant, Marquette County Suicide Prevention Coalition

MENTAL HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)
Act 258 of 1974

330.1712 Individualized written plan of services.

Sec. 712. (1) The responsible mental health agency for each recipient shall ensure that a person-centered planning process is used to develop a written individual plan of services in partnership with the recipient. A preliminary plan shall be developed within 7 days of the commencement of services or, if an individual is hospitalized for less than 7 days, before discharge or release. The individual plan of services shall consist of a treatment plan, a support plan, or both. A treatment plan shall establish meaningful and measurable goals with the recipient. The individual plan of services shall address, as either desired or required by the recipient, the recipient's need for food, shelter, clothing, health care, employment opportunities, educational opportunities, legal services, transportation, and recreation. The plan shall be kept current and shall be modified when indicated. The individual in charge of implementing the plan of services shall be designated in the plan.

(2) If a recipient is not satisfied with his or her individual plan of services, the recipient, the person authorized by the recipient to make decisions regarding the individual plan of services, the guardian of the recipient, or the parent of a minor recipient may make a request for review to the designated individual in charge of implementing the plan. The review shall be completed within 30 days and shall be carried out in a manner approved by the appropriate governing body.

(3) An individual chosen or required by the recipient may be excluded from participation in the planning process only if inclusion of that individual would constitute a substantial risk of physical or emotional harm to the recipient or substantial disruption of the planning process. Justification for an individual's exclusion shall be documented in the case record.

History: 1974, Act 258, Eff. Aug. 6, 1975;—Am. 1995, Act 290, Eff. Mar. 28, 1996;—Am. 1996, Act 588, Imd. Eff. Jan. 21, 1997