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DIVISION 4. MENTAL HEALTH [4000 - 4390] (*Heading of Division 4 amended by Stats. 1977, Ch. 1252.*)

PART 2. ADMINISTRATION OF STATE INSTITUTIONS FOR THE MENTALLY DISORDERED [4100 - 4336] (*Heading of Part 2 renamed from Chapter 2 (of Part 1) by Stats. 1977, Ch. 1252.*)

CHAPTER 2. Boards of Trustees and Other Advisory Boards [4200 - 4203] (*Heading of Chapter 2 renamed from Article 2 (of former Chapter 2) by Stats. 1977, Ch. 1252.*)

4200. (a) Each state hospital under the jurisdiction of the State Department of State Hospitals shall have a hospital advisory board of eight members appointed by the Governor from a list of nominations submitted to him or her by the boards of supervisors of counties within each hospital's designated service area. If a state hospital provides services for both persons with mental health disorders and persons with developmental disabilities, there shall be a separate advisory board for the program provided to persons with mental health disorders and a separate board for the program provided to persons with developmental disabilities. To the extent feasible, an advisory board serving a hospital for persons with mental health disorders shall consist of one member who has been a patient in a state hospital and two members shall be the parents, spouse, siblings, or adult children of persons who are or have been patients in a state hospital, three representatives of different professional disciplines selected from primary user counties for patients under Part 1 (commencing with Section 5000) of Division 5, and two representatives of the general public who have demonstrated an interest in services to people with mental health disorders.

(b) Of the members first appointed after the operative date of the amendments made to this section during the 1975–76 legislative session, one shall be appointed for a term of two years, and one for three years. Thereafter, each appointment shall be for the term of three years, except that an appointment to fill a vacancy shall be for the unexpired term only. No person shall be appointed to serve more than a maximum of two terms as a member of the board.

(c) Notwithstanding any provision of this section, members serving on the hospital advisory board on the operative date of the amendments made to this section during the 1987–88 legislative session, may continue to serve on the board until the expiration of their term. The Legislature intends that changes in the composition of the board required by these amendments apply to future vacancies on the board.

(Amended by Stats. 2014, Ch. 144, Sec. 71. (AB 1847) Effective January 1, 2015.)

4201. No person shall be eligible for appointment to a hospital advisory board if he is a Member of the Legislature or an elective state officer, and if he becomes such after his appointment his office shall be vacated and a new appointment made. If any appointee fails to attend three consecutive regular meetings of the board, unless he is ill or absent from the state, his office becomes vacant, and the board, by resolution, shall so declare, and shall forthwith transmit a certified copy of such resolution to the Governor.

(Amended by Stats. 1969, Ch. 459.)

4202. The advisory boards of the several state hospitals are advisory to the State Department of State Hospitals and the Legislature with power of visitation and advice with respect to the conduct of the hospitals and coordination with community mental health programs. The members of the boards shall serve without compensation other than necessary expenses incurred in the performance of duty. They shall organize and elect a chairman. They shall meet at least once every three months and at such other times as they are called by the chairman, by the medical director, by the head of the department or a majority of the board. No expenses shall be allowed except in connection with meetings so held.

(Amended by Stats. 2012, Ch. 24, Sec. 105. (AB 1470) Effective June 27, 2012.)

4202.5. (a) The chairman of a hospital advisory board advising a hospital for persons with mental health disorders shall meet annually with the hospital director, the community mental health directors, and the chairmen of the mental health advisory boards representing counties within the hospital's designated service area.

(b) The chairmen shall be allowed necessary expenses incurred in attending these meetings.

(c) It is the intent of the Legislature that the department assist the development of annual regional meetings required by this section.

(Amended by Stats. 2014, Ch. 144, Sec. 72. (AB 1847) Effective January 1, 2015.)

4203. The Atascadero State Hospital shall have an advisory board of seven persons appointed by the Governor, each of whom holds office for the term of three years. To the extent feasible the composition of board membership shall consist of two persons, who at the time of their appointment are relatives of the patient population, three representatives of professional disciplines serving the patient population, and two representatives of the general public. The board shall advise and consult with the department with respect to the conduct of the hospital. The members of the board shall serve without compensation other than necessary expenses incurred in attendance at meetings.

(Amended by Stats. 1975, Ch. 1057.)