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

PART 1. GENERAL ADMINISTRATION, POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DEPARTMENT [4000 - 4098.5] (*Heading of Part 1 amended by Stats. 1977, Ch. 1252.)*

CHAPTER 2. Planning, Research, Evaluation and Quality Assurance [4030 - 4061] (*Chapter 2 added by Stats. 1978, Ch. 1393.)*

ARTICLE 3. Technical Assistance [4050 - 4061] (*Article 3 added by Stats. 1978, Ch. 1393.)*

4050. The State Department of Health Care Services shall provide, to the extent resources are available, technical assistance, through its own staff, or by contract, to county mental health programs and other local mental health agencies in the areas of program operations, research, evaluation, demonstration, or quality assurance projects.

(Amended by Stats. 2012, Ch. 34, Sec. 51. (SB 1009) Effective June 27, 2012.)

4051. The State Department of Health Care Services shall, to the extent resources are available, provide program development guidelines, evaluation models, and operational assistance on all aspects of services to a person with a mental illness of any age. These services include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Self-help programs.
- (b) Housing development.
- (c) Disaster preparation.
- (d) Vocational services.
- (e) Regional programs.
- (f) Multiple diagnosis programs.

(Amended by Stats. 2024, Ch. 948, Sec. 3. (AB 2119) Effective January 1, 2025.)

4052. The State Department of Health Care Services shall, to the extent resources are available, provide training in performance standards, model programs, cultural competency, and program development.

(Amended by Stats. 2012, Ch. 34, Sec. 53. (SB 1009) Effective June 27, 2012.)

4060. The State Department of Health Care Services shall, in order to implement Section 4050, utilize a meaningful decisionmaking process that includes local mental health directors and representatives of local mental health boards as well as other stakeholders as determined by the department. The purpose of this collaboration shall be to promote effective and efficient quality mental health services to the residents of the state under the realigned mental health system.

(Amended by Stats. 2012, Ch. 34, Sec. 54. (SB 1009) Effective June 27, 2012.)

4061. (a) The State Department of Health Care Services shall utilize a joint state-county decisionmaking process to determine the appropriate use of state and local training, technical assistance, and regulatory resources to meet the mission and goals of the state's mental health and substance use disorder services system. The department shall use the decisionmaking collaborative process required by this section in all of the following areas:

- (1) Providing technical assistance to personnel of the State Department of Health Care Services and local behavioral health, mental health, and substance use disorder services departments through direction of existing state and local mental health and substance use disorder services staff and other resources.

- (2) Analyzing mental health and substance use disorder programs, policies, and procedures.

(3) Providing forums on specific topics as they relate to the following:

- (A) Identifying current level of services.
- (B) Evaluating existing needs and gaps in current services.
- (C) Developing strategies for achieving statewide goals and objectives in the provision of services for the specific area.
- (D) Developing plans to accomplish the identified goals and objectives.

(4) Providing forums on policy development and direction with respect to mental health and substance use disorder program operations and clinical issues.

(5) Identifying and funding a statewide training and technical assistance entity jointly governed by local behavioral health, mental health, and substance use disorder services directors and mental health and substance use disorder constituency representation, which can do all of the following:

- (A) Coordinate state and local resources to support training and technical assistance to promote quality mental health and substance use disorder programs.
- (B) Coordinate training and technical assistance to ensure efficient and effective program development.
- (C) Provide essential training and technical assistance, as determined by the state-county decisionmaking process.

(b) Local behavioral health, mental health, and substance use disorder services board members shall be included in discussions pursuant to Section 4060 when the following areas are discussed:

- (1) Training and education program recommendations.
- (2) Establishment of statewide forums for all organizations and individuals involved in mental health and substance use disorder matters to meet and discuss program and policy issues.
- (3) Distribution of information between the state, local mental health and substance use disorder programs, local mental health and substance use disorder services boards, and other organizations as appropriate.

(c) The State Department of Health Care Services and local mental health and substance use disorder services departments may provide staff or other resources, including travel reimbursement, for consultant and advisory services; for the training of personnel, board members, or consumers and families in state and local programs and in educational institutions and field training centers approved by the department; and for the establishment and maintenance of field training centers.

(Amended by Stats. 2014, Ch. 31, Sec. 44. (SB 857) Effective June 20, 2014.)