

MENTAL HEALTH COMMISSION, LOS ANGELES COUNTY

AUTHORITY

Section 5604-5606 et seq. of the Welfare and Institutions Code and Sections 2.87.060 and 2.87.070 of the Los Angeles County Code; Board Order No. 37 of October 29, 1957; Board Order No. 2 of February 15, 1977; Board Order No. 111 of April 21, 1987; Board Order No. 95 of January 5, 1988; Board Order No. 55 of March 7, 1989; Board Order No. 38 of January 5, 1993, relating to AB 14 effective January 1, 1993. and Board Order No. 41 of November 18, 1997, Ordinance No. 97-0062.

NUMBER OF MEMBERS

Sixteen.

Three members nominated by each Supervisor and one member of the Board of Supervisors nominated by the Chair of the Board annually.

QUALIFICATIONS

Fifty percent of the Commission membership shall be consumers or the parents, spouse, siblings or adult children of consumers, who are receiving or have received mental health services. At least 20 percent of the total membership shall be consumers and at least 20 percent shall be families of consumers.

The Mental Health Commission shall make every effort to ensure that the composition of the Commission represents the demographics of the County as a whole. When a Commission member resigns or is not reappointed, the Mental Health Commission shall advise the Board of Supervisors before recommending someone to fill the position about the composition of the Mental Health Commission which represents the demographics of the County as a whole, to the extent feasible and that the Commission membership should reflect the ethnic diversity of the client population in Los Angeles County.

The Mental Health Commission may recommend appointees to the Board of Supervisors who have experience and knowledge of the mental health system.

No member of the Commission or his or her spouse shall be a full-time or part-time County employee of a County mental health service, an employee of the State Department of Mental Health, or an employee of, or a paid member of the governing body of, a Bronzan-McCorquodale contract agency.

If it is not possible to secure membership as specified from among persons who reside in Los Angeles County, the Board of Supervisors may substitute representatives of the public interest in mental health who are not full-time or part-time employees of a County mental health service, the State Department of Mental Health, or on the staff of, or a paid member of the governing body of, a Bronzan-McCorquodale contract agency.

APPOINTMENT

By Board of Supervisors.

TERM OF OFFICE

The Chairman, Board of Supervisors position term expires annually when the new Chairman takes office all other commissioners serve three years, at the pleasure of the Board.

No member of the Commission may serve more than two consecutive three year terms. The Board may by order, extend the length of service or waive the limit for individuals or the Commission as a whole.

A member's position on the Commission shall become vacant upon his or her death, resignation, or removal by the Board of Supervisors. In the case of such a vacancy, the Board of Supervisors shall appoint a successor to fill the unexpired term.

COMPENSATION

None.

MEETINGS

Regular meetings, except the November and December meetings, shall be held on the fourth Thursday of each month at 12:00 p.m. in the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, or in a place designated in the Call. The regular November and December meetings shall be held on the third Thursday at the same time and location. A regular meeting may, for cause, be changed by the Chairperson.

DUTIES

The Los Angeles County Mental Health Commission shall:

- a. Review and evaluate the community's mental health needs, services, facilities and special problems.
- b. Review any County agreements entered into pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code Section 5650.
- c. Advise the Board of Supervisors and the Mental Health Director as to any aspect of the local mental health program.
- d. Review and approve the procedures used to ensure citizen and professional involvement at all stages of the planning process.
- e. Submit an annual report to the Board of Supervisors on the needs and performances of the County's mental health system.
- f. Review and make recommendations on applicants for the appointment of the Director of Mental Health. The Commission shall be included in the selection process prior to the vote of the Board of Supervisors.
- g. Review and comment on the County's performance outcome data and communicate its findings to the Mental Health State Planning Council.
- h. Other duties as requested by the Board of Supervisors.
- i. Assess the impact of the realignment of services from the State to the County on services delivered to clients and on the local community.

OATH

Not required.

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