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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform

03/19/2015 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Higher Education Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to mental health; providing for training and outreach regarding mental  
1.3 health peer specialists; establishing medical assistance coverage for clubhouse  
1.4 program services; requiring a report; appropriating money for intensive  
1.5 community rehabilitation services, suicide prevention, intensive treatment  
1.6 for adolescents and young adults, and housing for individuals with mental  
1.7 illness; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 256B.0615, by adding a  
1.8 subdivision; 256B.0625, by adding a subdivision.

1.9 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.10 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256B.0615, is amended by adding a  
1.11 subdivision to read:

1.12 Subd. 6. Commissioner's duties related to peer specialist training and outreach.  
1.13 The commissioner shall collaborate with the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities  
1.14 system to identify coursework to fulfill the peer specialist training requirements. In  
1.15 addition, the commissioner shall provide outreach to community mental health providers  
1.16 to increase their knowledge on how peer specialists can be utilized, best practices on  
1.17 hiring peer specialists, how peer specialist activities can be billed, and the benefits of  
1.18 hiring peer specialists.

1.19 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256B.0625, is amended by adding a  
1.20 subdivision to read:

1.21 Subd. 64. Clubhouse program services for persons with mental illness.  
1.22 Effective July 1, 2015, or upon federal approval, whichever is later, medical assistance  
1.23 covers clubhouse program services that are provided by a program provider accredited  
1.24 by Clubhouse International. Clubhouse is a program for persons with serious mental  
1.25 illness that provides services that are structured and community-based in a psychosocial

rehabilitation setting and that include skill building, mental health management, and community supports to improve the potential for persons with serious mental illness to establish and maintain social relationships and to obtain housing and occupational and educational achievements.

Sec. 3. **REPORT ON INTENSIVE COMMUNITY REHABILITATION SERVICES (ICRS).**

The commissioner of human services shall provide a report with recommendations about the intensive community rehabilitation services program and options for sustainable funding modes. The report shall specifically:

(1) analyze how the intensive community rehabilitation services program provides needed services and supports that are not part of other mental health services already covered by medical assistance;

(2) identify similar program models that are used in other states that fill similar service gaps and how they are funded;

(3) analyze how the intensive community rehabilitation services model differs between rural and metro areas;

(4) make recommendations for expanding the services; and

(5) analyze potential sources for sustainable funding, including inclusion as a medical assistance benefit.

Stakeholders will be included in the development of this report. The report is due to the chairs of the committees with jurisdiction over health and human services finance by January 15, 2016.

Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATION; INTENSIVE COMMUNITY REHABILITATION SERVICES.**

\$1,200,000 per year is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of human services in fiscal years 2016 and 2017 for the continuation of the intensive community rehabilitation services program. This is a onetime appropriation.

Sec. 5. **APPROPRIATION; TEXT MESSAGE SUICIDE PREVENTION PROGRAM.**

\$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$1,500,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of health to expand the statewide text message suicide prevention program and to fund training within schools and communities to encourage the use of the program.

3.1       Sec. 6. **APPROPRIATION; SPECIAL PROJECTS FOR ADOLESCENT AND**  
3.2 **YOUNG ADULT INTENSIVE TREATMENT AND SUPPORTS.**

3.3       (a) \$500,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$500,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated  
3.4 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services to fund special projects to  
3.5 provide intensive treatment and supports to adolescents and young adults 26 years of age  
3.6 or younger who are experiencing their first psychotic or manic episode. Intensive treatment  
3.7 and supports includes medication management, psychoeducation for the individual and  
3.8 family, care coordination, employment supports, education supports, cognitive behavioral  
3.9 approaches, cognitive remediation, social skills training, peer support, crisis planning, and  
3.10 stress management. The special projects must utilize all available funding streams.

3.11       (b) \$100,000 in fiscal year 2016 is appropriated from the general fund to the  
3.12 commissioner of human services to fund a project to conduct outreach, training, and  
3.13 guidance to mental health and health care professionals, including postsecondary  
3.14 health clinics, on early psychosis symptoms, screening tools, and best practices. This  
3.15 appropriation is available until expended.

3.16       Sec. 7. **APPROPRIATION; SUPPORTIVE HOUSING SERVICES FOR**  
3.17 **ADULTS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS.**

3.18       \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$2,500,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated  
3.19 from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for adult mental health  
3.20 grants to increase the availability of a range of housing options with supports for persons  
3.21 with serious mental illness.