

CHAPTER 428—H.F.No. 2081

An act relating to human services; directing the commissioner of human services to create a mental health service system; setting forth requirements for a mental health service system; amending Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 245.69, by adding a subdivision.

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

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1984, section 245.69, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1a. MENTAL HEALTH MISSION STATEMENT. The commissioner of human services shall create and ensure a unified, accountable, comprehensive mental health service system that:

(a) recognizes the right of people with mental illness to control their own lives as fully as possible;

(b) promotes the independence and safety of people with mental illness;

(c) reduces chronicity of mental illness;

(d) reduces abuse of people with mental illness;

(e) provides services designed to:

(1) increase the level of functioning of people with mental illness or restore them to a previously held higher level of functioning,

(2) stabilize individuals with mental illness,

(3) prevent the development and deepening of mental illness,

(4) support and assist individuals in resolving emotional problems that impede their functioning,

(5) promote higher and more satisfying levels of emotional functioning, and

(6) promote sound mental health; and

(f) provides a quality of service that is effective, efficient, appropriate, and consistent with contemporary professional standards in the field of mental health.

The commissioner shall implement the goals and objectives of this subdivision by February 15, 1990. By February 15, 1987, and annually after that until February 15, 1990, the commissioner shall report to the legislature on all steps taken and recommendations for full implementation of this subdivision and on additional resources needed to further implement this subdivision.

Approved March 24, 1986

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