

CHAPTER 253

STATE HOSPITALS FOR PERSONS WITH
MENTAL ILLNESS

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253.015 LOCATION; MANAGEMENT; COMMITMENT; CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

The state hospitals located at Anoka, Fergus Falls, Hastings, Moose Lake, Rochester, St. Peter, and Willmar shall constitute the state hospitals for mentally ill, and shall be maintained under the general management of the commissioner of human services. The commissioner of human services shall determine to what state hospital persons with mental illness shall be committed from each county and notify the probate judge thereof, and of changes made from time to time. The chief executive officer of each hospital for persons with mental illness shall be known as the chief executive officer.

History: 1985 c 21 s 41

253.10 DEATH OR ILLNESS; NOTICE GIVEN NEXT OF KIN.

The chief executive officer of any state hospital shall give to the next of kin of any resident thereof immediate notice of his death, serious illness, or special change in his condition and promptly and fully answer all letters of inquiry from relatives. Immediately after the death of a patient or resident therein, he shall furnish for registration, to the proper clerk or health officer, and to the probate judge of the county from which he was committed, a certificate setting forth the name of the patient or resident, his age, the duration of his last sickness, and the cause and date of his death. The expenses of all coroners' inquests upon persons dying in such hospital shall be paid from the appropriation for its current expenses.

History: 1985 c 21 s 42

253.19 ANNUAL REPORT.

On or before September 1 each year, the chief executive officer of each state hospital for persons with mental illness or mental retardation shall report to the commissioner of human services the number of persons with mental illness therein on July 31 preceding, giving the numbers of male and female and of the number of persons with mental retardation separately, and a statistical exhibit of the admissions, discharges, and deaths, with causes of death, and such other facts and information as the commissioner may require. Neglect to so report shall be a misdemeanor.

History: 1985 c 21 s 43

253.20 MINNESOTA SECURITY HOSPITAL.

The commissioner of human services is hereby authorized and directed to erect, equip, and maintain in connection with a state hospital at St. Peter a suitable building to be known as the Minnesota Security Hospital, for the purpose of holding

in custody and caring for such persons with mental illness or mental retardation as may be committed thereto by courts of criminal jurisdiction, or otherwise, or transferred thereto by the commissioner of human services, and for such persons as may be declared insane while confined in any penal institution, or who may be found to be mentally ill and dangerous, and he shall supervise and manage the same as in the case of other state hospitals.

History: 1985 c 21 s 44

253.21 COMMITMENT; PROCEEDINGS; RESTORATION OF MENTAL HEALTH.

When any person confined in the Minnesota correctional facility-Stillwater or the Minnesota correctional facility-St. Cloud is alleged to be mentally ill, the chief executive officer or other person in charge shall forthwith notify the commissioner of human services, who shall cause the prisoner to be examined by the probate court of the county where he is confined, as in the case of other mentally ill persons. In case he is found to be mentally ill, he shall be transferred by the order of the court to the Minnesota Security Hospital or to a state hospital for mentally ill people in the discretion of the court, there to be kept and maintained as in the case of other mentally ill persons. If, in the judgment of the chief executive officer, his mental health is restored before the period of his commitment to the penal institution has expired, he shall be removed by the commissioner, upon the certificate of the chief executive officer, to the institution whence he came, and there complete the period of his sentence.

History: 1985 c 21 s 45

253.25 COMMITMENT BEFORE CONVICTION.

When any person under indictment or information and before trial thereon shall be found to be incompetent to proceed and to have homicidal tendencies; or when during the trial of any person on an indictment or information such person shall be found to be incompetent to proceed and to have homicidal tendencies, the court in which such indictment or information is filed shall forthwith commit such person to the Minnesota Security Hospital for safekeeping and treatment and such person shall be received and cared for thereat until he shall recover when he shall be returned to the court from which he was received there to be dealt with according to law.

History: 1985 c 21 s 46

253.26 TRANSFERS OF PATIENTS OR RESIDENTS.

When any person of the state hospital for patients with mental illness or residents with mental retardation is found by the commissioner of human services to have homicidal tendencies or to be under sentence or indictment or information he may be transferred by the commissioner to the Minnesota Security Hospital for safekeeping and treatment.

History: 1985 c 21 s 47