246C.08 CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER; SERVICE; DUTIES.

Subdivision 1. **Service.** (a) The Direct Care and Treatment chief executive officer is appointed by the executive board, in consultation with the governor, and serves at the pleasure of the executive board, with the advice and consent of the senate.

(b) The chief executive officer shall serve in the unclassified service in accordance with section 43A.08. The Compensation Council under section 15A.082 shall establish the salary of the chief executive officer.

Subd. 2. **Powers and duties.** (a) The chief executive officer's primary duty is to assist the executive board. The chief executive officer is responsible for the administrative and operational management of the agency.

(b) The chief executive officer shall have all the powers of the executive board unless the executive board directs otherwise. The chief executive officer shall have the authority to speak for the executive board and Direct Care and Treatment within and outside the agency.

(c) In the event that a vacancy occurs for any reason within the chief executive officer position, the executive medical director appointed under section 246C.09 shall immediately become the temporary chief executive officer until the executive board appoints a new chief executive officer. During this period, the executive medical director shall have all the powers and authority delegated to the chief executive officer by the board and specified in this chapter.

History: *2024 c 79 art 10 s 2; 2024 c 125 art 5 s 23; 2024 c 127 art 50 s 23*