

MINNESOTA STATUTES 1975 SUPPLEMENT

TREATMENT FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUG ABUSE 254A.05

253A.16 Review boards.

Subdivision 1. There shall be established by the commissioner for each state hospital a review board of three or more persons to review the admission and retention of patients hospitalized under chapter 253A. One of such persons shall be qualified in the diagnosis of mental illness or mental deficiency and one of such persons shall be learned in the law. The commissioner may, upon written request from the appropriate federal authority, establish a review panel for any federal hospital within the state to review the admission and retention of patients hospitalized under chapter 253A. For any review board established for a federal hospital, one of the persons appointed by the commissioner shall be the commissioner of veterans affairs or his designee.

Subd. 2. Each hospital shall be visited by the review board at least once every six months. Each patient in the hospital who so requests shall have the right to appear before the review board during such visit. A patient may at any time request the right to appear before the review board. Upon receiving such request the head of the hospital shall notify the commissioner who shall set a time and date for the patient's appearance before the review board.

Subd. 3. The head of the hospital shall notify each patient at the time of admission by a simple written statement of the patient's right to appear before the review board and the next date when the board will visit the hospital. A request to appear before the board does not have to be in writing. Any employee of the hospital receiving such a request to appear before the board shall notify the head of the hospital of such request.

Subd. 4. The board shall review the admission and retention of patients at its respective mental hospital. The board may examine the records of all patients admitted and may examine personally at its own instigation all patients who from the records or otherwise appear to justify reasonable doubt as to continued need of confinement in a mental hospital. The board shall report its findings to the commissioner and to the head of the hospital. The board may also receive reports from patients and interested persons, including but not limited to hospital employees, on conditions affecting the humane and dignified care of patients and the board may examine the circumstances thereof in the manner described in this subdivision.

[1975 c 174 s 1-4]

[For text of subds 5 and 6, see M.S.1974]

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There is hereby created an alcohol and other drug abuse advisory council to advise the department of public welfare concerning the problems of alcohol and other drug dependency and abuse, composed of 11 members appointed by the governor. At least five members shall be individuals whose interests or training are in the field of alcohol dependency and abuse; and at least five members whose interests or training are in the field of dependency and abuse of drugs other than alcohol. The council shall expire and the terms, compensation and removal of members shall be as provided in section 15.059.

[1975 c 315 s 17]

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[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1974]

Subd. 2. [Repealed, 1975 c 315 s 26]