

CHAPTER 246

PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

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246.017 MEDICAL POLICY DIRECTIONAL COMMITTEE ON MENTAL HEALTH.

[For text of subd 1, see M.S.1982]

Subd. 2. **Membership, duties, meetings.** The commissioner of public welfare may appoint a medical policy directional task force on mental health including members who are experts in their fields of medicine, mental health, mental retardation, or related sciences. Members shall also be selected from social service, rehabilitation, volunteer services, nursing, hospital administration or related fields. Not more than one member shall be selected from any one field of medicine or related sciences which shall include the field of psychiatry, neurology, physiology, biochemistry, internal medicine, pediatrics, pharmacology, and psychology. The task force shall expire, and the terms, compensation, and removal of members shall be as provided in section 15.059.

The commissioner of public welfare shall appoint, and unless otherwise established by law, set the salary of a licensed physician to serve as medical director to assist him in establishing and maintaining the medical policies of the department of public welfare. The commissioner may place the medical director's position in the unclassified service if the position meets the criteria of section 43A.08, subdivision 1a.

History: 1983 c 260 s 53

246.55 APPEAL FROM ORDER OF COMMISSIONER.

Any patient or relative aggrieved by an order of the commissioner under sections 246.50 to 246.55 may appeal from the order to the district court of the county in which he resides by serving notice of the appeal on the commissioner and filing the notice, with proof of service, in the office of the clerk of the district court of the county within 30 days from the date the order was mailed, or a later date not exceeding one year from the date of mailing as permitted by order of the court. The appeal may be brought on for hearing by the appellant or the commissioner upon ten days' written notice. It shall be tried to the court which shall hear evidence it deems necessary and by order affirm or modify the order of the commissioner. When any order or determination of the commissioner made under sections 246.50 to 246.55 is brought in question on appeal, the order or determination shall be determined de novo. Appeal from the order of the district court may be taken as in other civil cases.

History: 1983 c 247 s 104

246.57 SHARED SERVICE AGREEMENTS.

[For text of subds 1 and 2, see M.S.1982]

Subd. 3. **Limited agreements.** Notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 1, the commissioner of public welfare may authorize a state hospital or state

nursing home to enter into agreements with other governmental or nonprofit organizations for participation in limited shared service agreements that would be of mutual benefit to the state, the organization involved, and the public.

The duration of limited agreements may not exceed three calendar years and the total dollar amount attributable to a limited agreement may not exceed \$100,000. Consultation with the legislative advisory committee is not required for agreements made pursuant to this subdivision. The charges for services must be on an actual cost basis and receipts are dedicated for the operations of the state hospitals or state nursing homes that provide the service, and are appropriated for that purpose.

History: 1983 c 312 art 1 s 20