

245.490 REGIONAL TREATMENT CENTERS: MISSION STATEMENT.

The legislature recognizes that regional treatment centers are an integral part of the continuum of care for people with mental illness. The commissioner of human services shall ensure that regional treatment centers:

(1) develop a policy that identifies persons who have a mental illness and are medically appropriate for admission to inpatient care;

(2) provide active treatment;

(3) provide mental health services in accordance with sections 245.461 to 245.486 for people with mental illness. The services must:

(a) enable and assist people to return to community care settings that promote and maintain community integration at the highest possible level of independent functioning; and

(b) meet contemporary professional standards for staffing levels and for quality of program, staffing, and physical environment;

(4) maximize contact with the surrounding community to minimize isolation of patients and further the goal of community reintegration;

(5) protect patients' rights and their access to advocacy services;

(6) encourage appropriate voluntary admission of individuals seeking regional treatment center services; and

(7) are appropriately funded to implement the goals of this section.

The commissioner shall implement the goals and objectives of this section by June 30, 1993. By February 15, 1989, and annually after that until February 15, 1993, the commissioner shall report to the legislature all steps taken toward implementation. The reports shall include recommendations for full implementation of this section and a thorough analysis of any additional resources needed for implementation.

History: 1988 c 464 s 1