

Advice v. Advocacy

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Black's Law Dictionary

Advice -- View; opinion; the counsel given by lawyers to their clients; an opinion expressed as to wisdom of future conduct.

Law Dictionary: [What is ADVICE? definition of ADVICE \(Black's Law Dictionary\)](#)

Advocacy -- The active support of an issue or the espousment of a set cause.

Law Dictionary: [What is ADVOCACY? definition of ADVOCACY \(Black's Law Dictionary\)](#)

Commission Responsibilities

225C.5 MHDS Commission

1. A mental health and disability services commission is created as the state policy-making body for the provision of services to persons with mental illness, an intellectual disability, or other developmental disabilities, or brain injury. . . . The department shall provide staff support to the commission . . .
 - (l) In addition to the voting members, the membership shall include four members of the general assembly.

225C.6 Duties of the Commission

1. To the extent funding is available, the commission shall perform the following duties:
 - a. Advise the administrator on the administration of the overall state disability services system.
 - b. Adopt necessary rules
 - c. Adopt standards for community mental health centers.
 - d. Adopt standards for provision under medical assistance of individual case management services
 - e. Unless another body sets services standards, adopt state standards for that service.
 - f. Assure that proper reconsideration and appeal procedures are available
 - g. Adopt necessary rules for awarding grants

- h. Annually submit to the governor and general assembly
 - i. A report concerning the activities of the commission.
 - ii. Recommendations formulated by the commission for changes in the law.
 - i. Every other year, submit an evaluation of
 - i. The extent to which services to persons with disabilities are actually available to persons in each county in the state and the quality of those services.
 - ii. The effectiveness of the services being provided by disability service providers in this state and by each of the state mental health institutes established under chapter 225 and by each of the state resource centers established under chapter 22.
 - j. Advise the administrator, the council on human services, the governor, and the general assembly on budgets and appropriations concerning disability services.
 - k. Coordinate activities with the Iowa DD counsel and mental health planning counsel. The commission shall work with other state agencies on coordinating, collaborating, and communicating concerning activities involving persons with disabilities.
 - l. Pursuant to a recommendation made by the administrator, identify basic financial eligibility standards for the disability services provided by a mental health and disability services region.
 - m. Identify disability services outcomes and indicators to support the ability of eligible persons with a disability to live, learn, work, and recreate in communicates of the person's choice. The identification duty includes but is not limited to responsibility for identifying, collecting, and analyzing data as necessary to issue reports on outcomes and indicators.
2. The commission may adopt rules without review and approval by the Council.
 3. The commission is designated to receive and consider any report, findings, recommendations, or other work product. The commission may address the report, findings, recommendations, or other work product in fulfilling the commission's functions and to advise the department, council on human services, governor, and general assembly concerning disability services.

4. The Commission shall coordinate with the department of inspections and appeals in the establishment of facility-based and community-based subacute mental health services.

