

5 On page 8, after line 34, insert the following:

6 "Sec. 5. RCW 71.24.300 and 1994 c 204 s 2 are each amended to read
7 as follows:

8 A county authority or a group of county authorities (~~whose~~
9 ~~combined population is no less than forty thousand~~) may enter into a
10 joint operating agreement to form a regional support network. Upon the
11 request of a tribal authority or authorities within a regional support
12 network the joint operating agreement or the county authority shall
13 allow for the inclusion of the tribal authority to be represented as a
14 party to the regional support network. The roles and responsibilities
15 of the county and tribal authorities shall be determined by the terms
16 of that agreement including a determination of membership on the
17 governing board and advisory committees, the number of tribal
18 representatives to be party to the agreement, and the provisions of law
19 and shall assure the provision of culturally competent services to the
20 tribes served. The state mental health authority may not determine the
21 roles and responsibilities of county authorities as to each other under
22 regional support networks by rule, except to assure that all duties
23 required of regional support networks are assigned and that a single
24 authority has final responsibility for all available resources and
25 performance under the regional support network's contract with the
26 secretary.

27 (1) Regional support networks shall within three months of
28 recognition submit an overall six-year operating and capital plan,
29 timeline, and budget and submit progress reports and an updated
30 two-year plan biennially thereafter, to assume within available
31 resources all of the following duties (~~by July 1, 1995~~), instead of
32 those presently assigned to counties under RCW 71.24.045(1):

33 (a) Administer and provide for the availability of all resource
34 management services, residential services, and community support
35 services.

36 (b) Administer and provide for the availability of all

1 investigation, transportation, court-related, and other services
2 provided by the state or counties pursuant to chapter 71.05 RCW.

3 (c) (~~By July 1, 1993,~~) Provide within the boundaries of each
4 regional support network evaluation and treatment services for at least
5 eighty-five percent of persons detained or committed for periods up to
6 seventeen days according to chapter 71.05 RCW. Regional support
7 networks with populations of less than one hundred fifty thousand may
8 contract to purchase evaluation and treatment services from other
9 networks. Insofar as the original intent of serving persons in the
10 community is maintained, the secretary is authorized to approve
11 exceptions on a case-by-case basis to the requirement to provide
12 evaluation and treatment services within the boundaries of each
13 regional support network. Such exceptions are limited to contracts
14 with neighboring or contiguous regions. For regional support networks
15 that are created after June 30, 1991, the requirements of (c) of this
16 subsection must be met by July 1, (~~1995~~) 1996.

17 (d) (~~By July 1, 1993,~~) Administer a portion of funds appropriated
18 by the legislature to house mentally ill persons in state institutions
19 from counties within the boundaries of any regional support network,
20 with the exception of mentally ill offenders, and provide for the care
21 of all persons needing evaluation and treatment services for periods up
22 to seventeen days according to chapter 71.05 RCW in appropriate
23 residential services, which may include state institutions. The
24 regional support networks shall reimburse the state for use of state
25 institutions at a rate equal to that assumed by the legislature when
26 appropriating funds for such care at state institutions during the
27 biennium when reimbursement occurs. The duty of a state hospital to
28 accept persons for evaluation and treatment under chapter 71.05 RCW is
29 limited by the responsibilities assigned to regional support networks
30 under this section. For regional support networks that are created
31 after June 30, 1991, the requirements of (d) of this subsection must be
32 met by July 1, (~~1995~~) 1996.

33 (e) Administer and provide for the availability of all other mental
34 health services, which shall include patient counseling, day treatment,
35 consultation, education services, employment services as defined in RCW
36 71.24.035, and mental health services to children as provided in this
37 chapter.

38 (f) Establish standards and procedures for reviewing individual
39 service plans and determining when that person may be discharged from

1 resource management services.

2 (2) Regional support networks shall assume all duties assigned to
3 county authorities by this chapter and chapter 71.05 RCW.

4 (3) A regional support network may request that any state-owned
5 land, building, facility, or other capital asset which was ever
6 purchased, deeded, given, or placed in trust for the care of the
7 mentally ill and which is within the boundaries of a regional support
8 network be made available to support the operations of the regional
9 support network. State agencies managing such capital assets shall
10 give first priority to requests for their use pursuant to this chapter.

11 (4) Each regional support network shall appoint a mental health
12 advisory board which shall review and provide comments on plans and
13 policies developed under this chapter. The composition of the board
14 shall be broadly representative of the demographic character of the
15 region and the mentally ill persons served therein. Length of terms of
16 board members shall be determined by the regional support network.

17 (5) Regional support networks shall assume all duties specified in
18 their plans and joint operating agreements through biennial contractual
19 agreements with the secretary. Such contracts may include agreements
20 to provide periods of stable community living and work or other day
21 activities for specific chronically mentally ill persons who have
22 completed commitments at state hospitals on ninety-day or one hundred
23 eighty-day civil commitments or who have been residents at state
24 hospitals for no less than one hundred eighty days within the previous
25 year. Periods of stable community living may involve acute care in
26 local evaluation and treatment facilities but may not involve use of
27 state hospitals.

28 (6) Counties or groups of counties participating in a regional
29 support network are not subject to RCW 71.24.045(~~((+7))~~)(6). The office
30 of financial management shall consider information gathered in studies
31 required in this chapter and information about the experience of other
32 states to propose a mental health services administrative cost lid to
33 the 1993 legislature which shall include administrative costs of
34 licensed service providers, the state psychiatric hospitals and the
35 department.

36 (7) (~~((By November 1, 1991, and))~~) As part of each biennial plan
37 (~~((thereafter,))~~) each regional support network shall establish and
38 submit to the state, procedures and agreements to assure access to
39 sufficient additional local evaluation and treatment facilities to meet

1 the requirements of this chapter while reducing short-term admissions
2 to state hospitals. These shall be commitments to construct and
3 operate, or contract for the operation of, freestanding evaluation and
4 treatment facilities or agreements with local evaluation and treatment
5 facilities which shall include (a) required admission and treatment for
6 short-term inpatient care for any person enrolled in community support
7 or residential services, (b) discharge planning procedures, (c)
8 limitations on admissions or transfers to state hospitals, (d) adequate
9 psychiatric supervision, (e) prospective payment methods, and (f)
10 contractual assurances regarding referrals to local evaluation and
11 treatment facilities from regional support networks.

12 (8) Regional support networks may receive technical assistance from
13 the housing trust fund and may identify and submit projects for housing
14 and housing support services to the housing trust fund established
15 under chapter 43.185 RCW. Projects identified or submitted under this
16 subsection must be fully integrated with the regional support network
17 six-year operating and capital plan, timeline, and budget required by
18 subsection (1) of this section."

19 Renumber the remaining section consecutively.

20 On page 8, line 35, strike "This act is" and insert "Sections 1
21 through 4 of this act are"

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25 On page 1, beginning on line 2 of the title, strike "and 71.24.415"
26 and insert "71.24.415, and 71.24.300"

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