

HB 1005 - DIGEST

Finds that the involvement of persons with mental illness, their family members, and advocates in designing, implementing, and delivering mental health services reduces unnecessary hospitalizations and incarceration and promotes the recovery and employment of persons with mental illness.

Declares that regional support networks shall assume all duties assigned to county authorities by chapter 71.24 RCW and chapter 71.05 RCW. The regional support networks, or its designee, shall provide consumer or advocate-run services.

Provides that the department shall not require a consumer or advocate-run service to maintain licensure under chapter 71.24 RCW if the service is nonclinical. If a service is clinical, the service shall comply with the requirements for licensed services in this chapter.

Declares that consumer or advocate-run services may include, but are not limited to: (1) Consumer and/or advocate-operated businesses;

(2) Clubhouses, including but not limited to the Fountain House model as certified by the International Center for Clubhouse Development;

(3) Crisis services;

(4) Advocacy and referral services;

(5) Vocational and employment services;

(6) Self-help and peer counseling and support groups;

(7) Community presence in state hospitals; and

(8) Mental health advance directive training.

Appropriates the sum of five million dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, for the biennium ending June 30, 2007, from the general fund to the department of social and health services for the purposes of this act.