

HOUSE BILL REPORT

EHB 1217

As Passed House:
February 5, 2007

Title: An act relating to clubhouse rehabilitation services.

Brief Description: Establishing standards for clubhouse rehabilitation services.

Sponsors: By Representatives Hinkle, Darneille, Bailey, Cody, Pettigrew, Green, Kenney, Dickerson, Moeller, Schual-Berke, Campbell, Linville, Seaquist and Morrell.

Brief History:

Committee Activity:

Health Care & Wellness: 1/24/07, 1/29/07 [DP].

Floor Activity:

Passed House: 2/5/07, 95-0.

Brief Summary of Engrossed Bill

- Requires mental health clubhouses to be certified by the international center for clubhouse development.
- Clubhouses that have completed requirements for certification and are awaiting a formal review will be deemed to have met the minimum standards.

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE & WELLNESS

Majority Report: Do pass. Signed by 13 members: Representatives Cody, Chair; Morrell, Vice Chair; Hinkle, Ranking Minority Member; Alexander, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Barlow, Campbell, Condotta, Curtis, Green, Moeller, Pedersen, Schual-Berke and Seaquist.

Staff: Dave Knutson (786-7146).

Background:

Community-based clubhouses for people with a mental illness provide assistance in dealing with activities of daily life, employment, and vocational services. There is no statutory

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definition of what services a mental health clubhouse provides and what standards it should comply with.

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A mental health clubhouse is defined as a community-based program that provides rehabilitation services and is certified by the international center for clubhouse development.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Effective Date: The bill takes effect 90 days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony:

(In support) Clubhouses help people with a mental illness live successfully in the community. Clubhouses help to boost self esteem, develop work skills, and improve participants' quality of life.

(Concerns) There should not be a reference to the rights and responsibilities of consumers in minimum standards for clubhouses.

(Opposed) Drop-in centers provide valuable services to clients, but they will not qualify as a clubhouse if this bill passes.

Persons Testifying: (In support) Representative Hinkle, prime sponsor; Representative Darneille; Debbie Terry, Lenora Warden and William Hagadorn, Rose House; Erica Horn, Washington State Clubhouse Coalition; and Loren Northrup, Hero House.

(Concerns) BJ Cooper.

(Opposed) Diana Jaden-Catori.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: None.