

**Chapter No. 1000 - Unified Services**

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**Chapter 1000 .01 ESTABLISHMENT**

Pursuant to section 51.42 and 51.437, Wisconsin Statutes, there is established a community mental health agency.

**Chapter 1000 .02 NAME**

The name of such community mental health agency shall be Wood County Unified Services.

**Chapter 1000 .03 PURPOSES**

The community mental health agency shall provide the following services:

- (1) Collaborative and co-operative services with public health and other groups for programs for the prevention and treatment of mental illness, and alcohol or other drug abuse and services to provide supports to people with developmental disabilities.
- (2) Rehabilitative services for people with mental or emotional disorders, substance abuse or developmental disabilities.
- (3) Out-patient diagnostic and treatment services.
- (4) Consultative services to schools, courts and health and welfare agencies, both public and private.
- (5) Informational and prevention services to the general public and professional groups.
- (6) Such other services as may be within the purview of Wisconsin Statutes 51.42/51.437, or amendments thereto, and the rules and regulations of the State Department of Health and Social Services.

## **Chapter 1000 .04 BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

There shall be a representative governing and policy-making Board of Directors which shall have charge of the operation and administration of the programs.

(1) The Board of Directors shall be composed of nine members, five of which are County Board Supervisors and four of which will be community members who have ability and demonstrated interest in the issues and services of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities or Alcohol and other Drug Abuse. No more than two members shall represent any one disability group. Such restriction on an appointment from the County Board membership shall not apply where any appointee is also a representative of another disability interest group.

(2) Appointments to the Board of Directors shall be made by the County Board of Supervisors, and all actions of the Board of Directors shall be subject to review and approval of the Board of Supervisors.

(3) The term of office of any member of the Board of Directors shall be three years. Vacancies for unexpired terms shall be filled in the same manner as original appointments. Directors may be removed by the County Board of Supervisors.

(4) Subject to section 51.42 and 51.437, Wisconsin Statutes, and any amendments thereof, and rules of the State Department of Health and Social Services, the Board of Directors shall have the following powers and duties:

A. Appoint the Director, who shall be responsible to the Board of Directors for the operation of the programs.

B. With the cooperation of the Director:

1. define the programs,
2. formulate the necessary policies to implement the programs, and
3. oversee the proper execution of such policies.

C. Recommend salaries and personnel policies.

D. Review and evaluate the agency services to assure conformance with the basic plan and budget, including periodic reporting to the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services, the County Board of Supervisors (and appropriate County officials), and when indicated to make recommendations for changes in programs or services.

E. Assist in arranging and promoting financial support of the programs from private and public sources.

F. Assist in arranging co-operative working agreements with other health and welfare services, public and private, and with other educational and judicial agencies.

G. Implement patient fee schedules based on ability to pay.

H. Review fiscal practices, the annual plan and budget and make recommendations thereon.

I. Provide that no one be denied services on the basis of race, color or creed, or inability to pay.

J. To enter into contracts for services including facilities and personnel to implement the Wood County Unified Services Programs pursuant to the terms and conditions prescribed by 51.42/51.437, Wisconsin Statutes, all to the end that community resources can be utilized to the fullest extent through unity of management, control, and fiscal responsibility.

## **Chapter 1000 .05 FINANCES**

The agency and its services shall be financed by such funds as may be available from public and private sources, and the agency is authorized to accept private donations and to request state and federal funds in addition to county funds.

(1) The Board of Directors shall plan its financial operations on a calendar year basis.

(2) The Board of Directors shall request the necessary appropriations of county funds through the Budget and Finance Committee.

(3) The Board of Directors shall be responsible for overseeing the establishment and collection of fees from patients, which shall be deposited with the County Treasurer and subject to audit.

(4) The Board of Directors is authorized to request and negotiate for necessary and available state grants-in-aid.

(5) The Board of Directors may solicit and accept funds from private sources for the programs.

#### **Chapter 1000 .06 REPORTS**

The Board of Directors shall make an annual report to the County Board of Supervisors as to its programs and activities, and shall make such reports as may be required by the Secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Health and Social Services.

#### **Chapter 1000 .07 EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication.