

CURRENT MISSOURI STATUTE FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION | RSMO 632.020

MISSOURI REVISOR OF STATUTES - REVISED STATUTES OF MISSOURI, RSMO SECTION 632.020

1. The Missouri Advisory Council for Comprehensive Psychiatric Services, created by executive order of the governor on June 10, 1977, shall act as an advisory body to the division and the division director. The council shall be comprised of up to twenty-five members, the number to be determined under the council bylaws.
2. The members of the council shall be appointed by the director. Members shall serve for overlapping terms of three years each. The members of the existing council appointed under the provisions of the executive order shall serve the remainder of their appointed terms. At the expiration of the term of each such member, the director shall appoint an individual who shall hold office for a term of three years. Each member shall hold office until a successor has been appointed. Members shall have professional, research, or personal interest in the prevention, evaluation, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of persons affected by mental disorders and mental illness. The council shall include representatives from the following:
 - (1) Nongovernment organizations or groups and state agencies concerned with the planning, operation, or use of comprehensive psychiatric services;
 - (2) Representatives of consumers and providers of comprehensive psychiatric services who are familiar with the need for such services. At least one-half of the members shall be consumers. No more than one-fourth of the members shall be vendors or members of boards of directors, employees, or officers of vendors, or any of their spouses if such vendors receive more than fifteen hundred dollars under contract with the department, except that members of boards of directors of not-for-profit corporations shall not be considered members of the board of directors of vendors under this subsection.
3. A vacancy occurring on the council shall be filled by appointment of the director.
4. Meetings shall be held at least every ninety days at the call of the division director or the council chairman, who shall be elected by the council.
5. Each member shall be reimbursed for reasonable and necessary expenses, including travel expenses pursuant to the travel regulations for employees of the department, actually incurred in the performance of his official duties.
6. The council may be divided into sub-councils in accordance with its bylaws. The council shall study, plan, and make recommendations on the prevention, evaluation, care, treatment, rehabilitation, housing, and facilities for persons affected by mental disorders and mental illness.

7. No member of a state advisory council may participate in or seek to influence a decision or vote of the council if the member would be directly involved with the matter or would derive income from it. A violation of the prohibition contained herein shall be grounds for a person to be removed as a member of the council by the director.
8. The council shall collaborate with the department in developing and administering a state plan for comprehensive psychiatric services. The council shall be advisory and shall:
 - (1) Promote meetings and programs for the discussion of reducing the debilitating effects of mental disorders and mental illness and disseminate information in cooperation with any other department, agency, or entity on the prevention, evaluation, care, treatment, and rehabilitation of persons affected by mental disorders or mental illness;
 - (2) Study and review current prevention, evaluation, care, treatment, and rehabilitation technologies and recommend appropriate preparation, training, retraining, and distribution of manpower and resources in the provision of services to persons affected by mental disorders or mental illness through private and public residential facilities, day programs and other specialized services;
 - (3) Recommend what specific methods, means, and procedures should be adopted to improve and upgrade the department's comprehensive psychiatric service delivery system for citizens of this state;
 - (4) Participate in developing and disseminating criteria and standards to qualify comprehensive psychiatric service residential facilities, day programs, and other specialized services in this state for funding or licensing, or both, by the department;
 - (5) Provide oversight for suicide prevention activities.