

Advisory Council on Mental Illness

The department established the Advisory Council on Mental Illness in 1990 in compliance with federal community mental health block grant requirements for comprehensive statewide planning. An annual plan, which addresses community-based mental health services for adults with serious mental illness and children with serious emotional disturbance, is submitted to the federal Center for Mental Health Services and is used as the basis for a subsequent implementation report.

Federal law states that the planning council is expected to do the following:

1. Review the Mental Health Block Grant plan and to make recommendations.
2. Serve as an advocate for adults with serious mental illness, children with emotional disturbance, and other individuals with mental illness.
3. Monitor, review, and evaluate, not less than once each year, the allocation of adequacy of mental health services within the state.

The revised state bylaws of the council call for the appointment of 22 or more individuals who represent consumers, families, advocates, service providers, and principal state agencies that coordinate services to the target population. The council meets four to six times per year, usually in Lansing. The meetings are scheduled on Friday from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Below is a listing of the upcoming meeting dates:

Friday, June 12, 2009 – Location: 7109 W. Saginaw, Lansing

Friday, August 14, 2009 – Location: TBD

Friday, November 13, 2009 – Location: TBD

Meeting locations are pending, please contact Theresa Randleman for more information at randlemant@michigan.gov or 517-241-2954.

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