

PSYCHIATRIC BEDS AND SERVICES

WORKGROUP CHARGE

Approved by the CON Commission Chairperson as delegated by the Commission at the February 8, 2018 meeting

At a minimum, the Psychiatric Beds and Services Workgroup should consider reviewing and recommending any necessary changes to the Psychiatric Beds and Services Standards regarding the following:

1. Determine if modifications are necessary to Section 2(1)(s) to consider adding Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants individually to the definition of "Mental Health Professional" and include as part of "Mental Health Professional" in Section 15(1) - Project delivery requirements - additional terms of approval for child/adolescent service.
2. Review potential options for flexibility to transfer beds and/or create units with existing child/adolescent and adult beds.
3. Review the methodology for determining the inpatient psychiatric bed need in the state, including the proper percentage of psychiatric beds that should be allocated to the special pool for psychiatric beds.
4. Review the comparative review criteria.
5. Review criteria for the special pool beds.
6. Add clarifying language, as appropriate, in each subsection of Section 9 to assist in understanding which subsection(s) apply under what circumstances (e.g., adding new beds from dept. inventory, adding new beds under high occupancy, relocate beds, etc.).
7. Add minimum occupancy requirements in last 12-months prior to application submission, as in hospital beds standards, for the existing psych hospital/unit before a new entity can acquire the facility, replace the facility, or relocate beds.
8. Consider any technical or other changes from the Department, e.g., updates or modifications consistent with other CON review standards and the Public Health Code.