

Policy Title: Mississippi Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementia Planning Council.

Scope: Pursuant to Section 41-4-7(aa), The Board of Mental Health is required to develop and implement state plans for the purpose of assisting with the care and treatment of persons with Alzheimer's disease and other dementia and to create advisory councils to assist the Board and the Department in the performance of their duties.

Policy: The Mississippi Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementia Planning Council shall be established to advise and assist the Department of Mental Health, Bureau of Mental Health and Bureau of Administration in developing, reviewing and updating a long range state plan for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia.

The Planning Council will provide a mechanism for patients, family members, care givers, and providers of services to individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia, to work together to identify needs and provide training and education. The Planning Council will allow this broad

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constituency an additional avenue to evaluate progress on state plan objectives on an ongoing basis, to review goals and objectives and make recommendations for revision as needs and available resources change.

Procedures: The following shall be the procedures for establishing and the operation of the Mississippi Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementia Planning Council:

I. ESTABLISHMENT

In accordance with the bylaws of the Mississippi Board of Mental Health, the Board may appoint representatives or agents with such powers to perform acts or duties on behalf of the Board. Therefore, the Board hereby authorizes the Executive Director of the Department of Mental Health to appoint individuals to a Mississippi Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementia Planning Council.

II. PARTICIPANTS

- A. Membership shall be in keeping with the guidelines set forth by applicable state law(s).
- A. Membership of the State Alzheimer's Disease and Dementia Planning Council shall include individuals and representatives of entities concerned with the training/education, planning, operation and funding of services for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. The Council shall be composed of both service providers and non service providers, including family members of individuals diagnosed with Alzheimer's

disease or other forms of dementia and shall include three representatives from the states five congressional districts, to include no more than fifteen (15) members.

- C. Members of the Mississippi Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementia Planning Council shall serve for a term of one calendar year (January through December) and may be reappointed.
- D. Vacancies on the Council at any time during the year shall be filled by the Executive Director of the Mississippi Department of Mental Health.
- E. Routine operation of the Mississippi Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementia Planning Council shall be in accordance with the established Bylaws of the Council.

III. FUNCTIONS

The responsibilities and functions of the Mississippi Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementia Planning Council shall be in accordance with applicable state law(s).

IV. MEETINGS

- A. Meetings shall be held at semi-annually and more often as deemed necessary by the Council or the Department of Mental Health.
- B. Determination of date, time, and location of meetings shall be in accordance with the Bylaws of the Mississippi Alzheimer's Disease and other Dementia Planning Council.

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