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AGENCY OF HUMAN SERVICES
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Vermont Mental Health Block Grant Planning Council Planning Council Charter

Overview/Purpose

The Vermont Mental Health Block Grant Planning Council is an advisory body to the Community Mental Health Services Block Grant (MHBG) program that makes funds available to the State to help support community mental health services. The MHBG program's objective is to support grantees in carrying out plans for providing comprehensive community mental health services. SAMHSA's Center for Mental Health Services (CMHS) administers MHBG funds.

Mental Health Planning Council

Title XIX of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x) mandates that all states establish a State Mental Health Planning Council. The council's role is to:

- Review the state MHBG application, contribute to its development, and submit any recommendations it has regarding the state's plan;
- Advocate for adults with serious mental illness, children with severe emotional disturbance, and other individuals with mental health issues; and
- Monitor, review, and evaluate the allocation and adequacy of mental health services in Vermont, at least annually.

Charter Acceptance

Planning Council Chair Date

MHBG State Planner, DMH Date