

“CPS SAC members represent all Missouri communities. They are a dynamic group comprised of peers, family members, providers and partner state agencies; their personal experience and insight are invaluable to me as Director of the Behavioral Health Division.”

Mark Stringer, Director



Mission of the Council

The State Advisory Council (SAC) shall be responsible for advising the Division of Behavioral Health in the development and coordination of a statewide inter-agency/inter-departmental system of care for persons with mental illness, their families and children/youth with serious emotional disturbances.

Responsibilities

In order to accomplish this mission the SAC shall:

- ◆ Advise CPS in the development of models of services and long range planning and budgeting priorities.
- ◆ Identify statewide needs, gaps in services, and movement toward filling gaps.
- ◆ Provide education and information about mental health issues.
- ◆ Monitor, evaluate, and review the allocation and adequacy of mental health services within the state.
- ◆ Provide oversight for suicide prevention activities.

For More Information

To obtain more information about how you can become involved, please visit our web site at www.dmh.mo.gov or contact Lexy Thompson at alexa.thompson@dmh.mo.gov.

Meetings

- * The Council shall meet at least every ninety days at the call of the Division Director or the Council chairperson.
- * A quorum requires the attendance of at least 50% of the members of the Council.
- * The terms of office for members shall be overlapping terms of a full three (3) years. A member of the State Advisory Council for Comprehensive Psychiatric Services may serve an additional three year term if properly nominated and approved by the State Advisory Council and the Division Director. Exceptions to terms of office can be made at the discretion of the State Advisory Council with approval by the Division Director.

CPS SAC is representative of all Regions in the state of Missouri. Finding enthusiastic members from each region is the goal of the Membership Committee. Please see Map on back of brochure.

Note: Preference will be given at this time to applicant from the Western Region; however we encourage all Regions to apply.