

**MENTAL HEALTH CODE (EXCERPT)**  
**Act 258 of 1974**

**330.1941 State advisory council on mental health and aging; establishment; administration and operation; composition; appointment, qualifications, and terms of members; duties; expenses; appointment of chairperson; meetings.**

Sec. 941.

(1) The state advisory council on mental health and aging is jointly established in the department and the office of services to the aging. The state advisory council on mental health and aging shall be administered and operated jointly by the department and the office of services to the aging. The state advisory council on mental health and aging shall consist of the director or his or her designee, the director of public health or his or her designee, the director of social services or his or her designee, the director of the office of services to the aging or his or her designee, the director of the office of health and medical affairs or his or her designee, the insurance commissioner or his or her designee, and the following 16 members appointed jointly by the directors of mental health and the office of services to the aging:

- (a) Two family caregivers.
- (b) One member who is a licensed physician and who has experience in the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.
- (c) One member who is an attorney and who has knowledge and experience in mental health and aging law.
- (d) One member representing a provider of services to persons identified as having Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder.
- (e) One member from the Alzheimer's disease and related disorders association.
- (f) One member from an area agency on aging.
- (g) One member representing an agency that provides statewide dissemination of information and education on mental health and aging issues.
- (h) One member from the commission on services to the aging.
- (i) One member from a community mental health services provider.
- (j) One member from an area agency on aging services provider.
- (k) One member representing a state psychiatric hospital.
- (l) One member who is a community mental health board director or the designee of a community mental health board director.
- (m) One member who is a psychiatrist with experience treating older adults.
- (n) Two members representing older adults.

(2) The composition of the state advisory council on mental health and aging as described in subsection (1) shall reflect a wide range of professionals, consumers, and ethnic minority citizens.

(3) Members shall be appointed for 2-year terms beginning on April 1, except that of the members first appointed, 1/2 of the members shall be appointed for a 1-year term, and 1/2 of the members shall be appointed for a 2-year term. A vacancy on the council shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

(4) The state advisory council on mental health and aging shall do all of the following:

(a) Provide advice and guidance and make recommendations to the directors of mental health and the office of services to the aging on mental health and aging issues, including, but not limited to, Alzheimer's disease and related disorders.

(b) Monitor programs funded or coordinated by the department, the office of services to the aging, or both, for older adults with mental health needs and persons with Alzheimer's disease or a related disorder.

(c) Identify key issues of concern that require intervention by 1 or more state agencies.

(d) Recommend specific innovative service delivery models that address the unique needs of multi-cultural populations, including, but not limited to, ethnic sensitive practices and culturally relevant programming.

(e) Submit annually to the director, the director of the office of services to the aging, the legislature, and the governor a report summarizing the activities of the state advisory council on mental health and aging for the past year and making recommendations for the coming year.

(5) The members of the state advisory council on mental health and aging shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for actual and necessary expenses by the department, the office of services to the aging, or both.

(6) The chairperson of the state advisory council on mental health and aging shall be appointed jointly by the director and the director of the office of services to the aging by April 1 of each year. The council shall meet at least quarterly and at the call of the chairperson.

**History:** Add. 1988, Act 436, Imd. Eff. Dec. 27, 1988

**Compiler's Notes:** For transfer of powers and duties of the state advisory council on mental health and aging to the director of the department of community health and abolishment of the council, see E.R.O. No. 1997-4, compiled at MCL 333.26324 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. For transfer of position of commissioner of office of financial and insurance regulation as member or chairperson of board or commission to director of department of insurance and financial services, see E.R.O. No. 2013-1, compiled at MCL 550.991. For transfer of commission on services to the aging and powers and duties of the office of services to the aging from the department of community health to the aging and adult services agency created within the department of health and human services, and abolishment of the office of services to the aging, see E.R.O. No. 2015-1, compiled at MCL 400.227. For transfer of commission on services to the aging and powers and duties of the office of services to the aging from the aging and adult services agency to the department of health and human services, and abolishment of the aging and adult services agency, see E.R.O. No. 2021-2, compiled at MCL 400.562.