

~~(f) "Health department" means, in Montgomery County, the Department of [Addiction, Victim, and Mental Health Services] HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES.~~

[(g) (1) "Health officer" means, in Montgomery County, the Director of the Department of Addiction, Victim, and Mental Health Services.

(2) The Director of the Department of Addiction, Victim, and Mental Health Services shall have:

(i) 1. A master's degree in public health and at least 2 years of work in the field of public health; or

2. At least 5 years of work in the field of public health; and

(ii) Any other qualifications and training in the field of public health that the Secretary requires by rule or regulation.

(3) The Director of the Department of Addiction, Victim, and Mental Health Services need not be a physician, if the Director has an associate director who:

(i) Is a physician; and

(ii) Meets the qualifications of this subsection.]

[(h)]~~(g)~~ (f) (1) "Mental disorder" means a behavioral or emotional illness that results from a psychiatric or neurological disorder.

(2) "Mental disorder" includes a mental illness that so substantially impairs the mental or emotional functioning of an individual as to make care or treatment necessary or advisable for the welfare of the individual or for the safety of the person or property of another.

(3) "Mental disorder" does not include mental retardation.

[(i)]~~(h)~~ (g) "State Advisory Council" means the State Advisory Council on Mental Hygiene.

[(j)]~~(i)~~ (h) "State facility" means a facility that is owned or operated by the Department.

[(k)]~~(j)~~ (i) "Treatment" means any professional care or attention that is given in a facility, private therapeutic group home for children and adolescents, or Veterans' Administration hospital to improve or to prevent the worsening of a mental disorder.

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(a) Each county advisory committee and intercounty advisory committee shall have no fewer than 6 meetings per year at the times and places that the committee determines.

(b) [Staff] EXCEPT IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY, STAFF services for each county advisory committee or intercounty advisory committee shall be provided by the health officer for the appropriate county.