

125.10 Duties of director.

The director shall:

1. Prepare and submit a state plan subject to approval by the board and in accordance with the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 4573. The state plan shall designate the department as the sole agency for supervising the administration of the plan.
2. Develop, encourage, and foster statewide, regional and local plans and programs for the prevention of substance abuse and the treatment of substance abusers, chronic substance abusers, and intoxicated persons in cooperation with public and private agencies, organizations and individuals, and provide technical assistance and consultation services for these purposes.
3. Coordinate the efforts and enlist the assistance of all public and private agencies, organizations and individuals interested in the prevention of substance abuse and the treatment of substance abusers, chronic substance abusers, and intoxicated persons.
4. Cooperate with the department of human services in establishing and conducting programs to provide treatment for substance abusers, chronic substance abusers, and intoxicated persons.
5. Cooperate with the department of education, boards of education, schools, police departments, courts, and other public and private agencies, organizations, and individuals in establishing programs for the prevention of substance abuse and the treatment of substance abusers, chronic substance abusers, and intoxicated persons, and in preparing relevant curriculum materials for use at all levels of school education.
6. Prepare, publish, evaluate and disseminate educational material dealing with the nature and effects of chemical substances.
7. Develop and implement, as an integral part of treatment programs, an educational program for use in the treatment of substance abusers, chronic substance abusers, and intoxicated persons, which program shall include the dissemination of information concerning the nature and effects of chemical substances.
8. Organize and implement, in cooperation with local treatment programs, training programs for all persons engaged in treatment of substance abusers, chronic substance abusers, and intoxicated persons.
9. Sponsor and implement research in cooperation with local treatment programs into the causes and nature of substance abuse and treatment of substance abusers, chronic substance abusers, and intoxicated persons, and serve as a clearing house for information relating to substance abuse.
10. Specify uniform methods for keeping statistical information by public and private agencies, organizations and individuals, and collect and make available relevant statistical information, including number of persons treated, frequency of admission and readmission, and frequency and duration of treatment.
11. Develop and implement, with the counsel and approval of the board, the comprehensive plan for treatment of substance abusers, chronic substance abusers, and intoxicated persons in accordance with this chapter.
12. Assist in the development of, and cooperate with, substance abuse education and treatment programs for employees of state and local governments and businesses and industries in the state.
13. Utilize the support and assistance of interested persons in the community, particularly recovered substance abusers and chronic substance abusers, to encourage substance abusers and chronic substance abusers to voluntarily undergo treatment.

14. Cooperate with the commissioner of public safety in establishing and conducting programs designed to deal with the problem of persons operating motor vehicles while intoxicated.

15. Encourage general hospitals and other appropriate health facilities to admit without discrimination substance abusers, chronic substance abusers, and intoxicated persons and to provide them with adequate and appropriate treatment. The director may negotiate and implement contracts with hospitals and other appropriate health facilities with adequate detoxification facilities.

16. Encourage all health and disability insurance programs to include substance abuse as a covered illness.

17. Review all state health, welfare, education and treatment proposals to be submitted for federal funding under federal legislation, and advise the governor on provisions to be included relating to substance abuse, substance abusers, chronic substance abusers, and intoxicated persons.

[C62, 66, § 123A.5; C71, 73, § 123B.17; C75, 77, § 125.10, 224B.5; C79, 81, § 125.10; 81 Acts, ch 58, § 3]

83 Acts, ch 96, § 157, 159; 90 Acts, ch 1085, § 4; 2005 Acts, ch 175, §64