

225C.18 Mental health and developmental disabilities regional planning councils.

1. A county may participate in a mental health and developmental disabilities regional planning council. The region encompassed by a planning council shall be determined by the counties participating in the planning council.

2. The boards of supervisors of the counties comprising the planning council shall determine the size and membership of the planning council.

3. A planning council may perform the following tasks:

a. Develop a planning process and plan for services to persons with disabilities residing in the region. Planning shall encompass a five-year time span and shall be annually updated. The plans shall be submitted to the boards of supervisors of the counties in the region and to the commission.

b. Recommend the expenditure of all state and county funds, and to the extent possible, federal funds for disability services within the region.

c. Provide for input into the planning process by the public and service consumers, providers, and funders.

d. Work with staff assigned to the planning council to perform needs assessments, plan development, and to work with consumers, providers, and funders, and fulfill other necessary functions.

e. Make recommendations to the county boards of supervisors associated with the planning area and to the commission, concerning disability services and related budget issues.

f. Perform other duties at the request of the counties comprising the region and of the commission.

4. The provisions of this section relating to services to persons with disabilities are not intended as and shall not be construed as a requirement to provide services.

94 Acts, ch 1170, §19; 97 Acts, ch 169, §8 – 11