

225A.2 State mental health authority — state agency for substance abuse.

1. The department is designated as the state mental health authority as defined in 42 U.S.C. §201(m) for the purpose of directing benefits from the federal community mental health services block grant, 42 U.S.C. §300x et seq., and the state authority designated for the purpose of directing benefits from the federal substance abuse prevention and treatment block grant, 42 U.S.C. §300x-21 et seq. This designation does not preclude the state board of regents from authorizing or directing any institution under the board of regents' jurisdiction to carry out educational, prevention, and research activities in the areas of mental health and intellectual disability.

2. The department is designated as the single state agency for substance abuse for the purposes of 42 U.S.C. §1396a et seq.

3. For the purposes of effectuating the department's roles designated in [this section](#), the department shall have the following powers and the authority to take all of the following actions:

a. Plan, establish, and maintain prevention, education, early intervention, treatment, recovery support, and crisis services programs as necessary or desirable for the behavioral health service system established in [section 225A.3](#).

b. Develop and submit a state plan as required by, and in accordance with, 42 U.S.C. §300x-1.

c. Review and approve district behavioral health service system plans developed in accordance with the state behavioral health service system plan.

d. Perform all necessary acts to cooperate with any state agency, political subdivision, or federal government agency to apply for grants.

e. Solicit and accept for use any gift of money by will or otherwise, and any grant of money or services from the federal government, the state, or any political subdivision thereof, or any private source.

f. Collect and maintain records, engage in studies and analyses, and gather relevant statistics.

g. Take any other actions as necessary to execute the duties granted to the department in [this chapter](#), or that are otherwise required to maintain compliance with federal requirements related to the department's roles as designated in [this section](#).

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