

Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Commission, State

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MARY ANNE ANDERSON, Red Oak; term expires 1997
 SHARON BLAIR, Des Moines; term expires 1997
 ROBERT DESMIDT, Sioux City; term expires 1997
 MARILEE FREDRICKS, Des Moines; term expires 1996
 GARY GANSEMER, Dubuque; term expires 1996
 FRANK HERMSEN, Carroll; term expires 1996
 GILBERT HOOGENDOORN, George; term expires 1997
 MYRNA LANGERUD, Lake Mills, term expires 1998
 CLARK LANE, Humboldt; term expires 1997
 BARBARA LIPS, Fayette; term expires 1998
 JEAN OXLEY, Marion; term expires 1998
 ROBERT PETERSEN, Walcott; term expires 1997
 STEVEN REUTER, Sumner; term expires 1998
 BEVERLY SANDERSON, Winterset; term expires 1996
 BEVERLY ANDERSON ZIEMAN, Postville; term expires 1998

The commission was established by the 1981 session of the 69th General Assembly and became effective January 1, 1992. The Governor appoints the commission with Senate approval. Four shall be county supervisors at the time of their appointment and two shall be members of a MH/DD regional planning council; one shall be either a board member of a community mental health center or of a statewide association of persons with mental illness or of family members of persons with mental illness; one shall be either a board member of an agency serving persons with mental retardation or of a statewide association for persons with mental retardation; one shall be a member of a statewide organization for persons with developmental disabilities other than mental retardation, one shall be a member of a statewide organization for persons with brain injury. The remaining members are considered to be at-large.

The commission's responsibilities include: advising the division on the administration of state plans; adopt rules as necessary pursuant to chapter 17A which relate to disability programs and services; adopt standards for accreditation of CMHC's, other mental health programs; annually submit a report to the governor and general assembly concerning the activities and recommendations of the commission; beginning in 1985, biannually submit a report on the availability and cost effectiveness of services; advise the administrator, the council on human services, the governor and the general assembly on budgets and appropriations concerning disability services.

Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Division

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This division was established on January 1, 1982, by combining the former Division of Mental Health Resources, the Mental Health Authority, the Developmental Disabilities program staff, and the State Mental Health Advisory Council. The 15-member Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities Commission advises the administrator (in addition to the Council on Human Services).

The division is responsible for administration of the mental health institutes at Cherokee, Clarinda, Independence, and Mount Pleasant, and the hospital-schools at Glenwood and Woodward. Other responsibilities include development, funding, and monitoring of community mental health, mental retardation, and developmental disabilities services. The division is also responsible for statewide mental health and mental retardation planning.

Policy Coordination Division

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This division is responsible for Public Policy, Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action, Purchased Services, and the promulgation of administrative rules, manuals, and forms. Refugee Services is also part of this division, as is Bureau of Collections which collects child support for persons receiving AFDC, nonpublic assistance individuals who apply for help, and parental support for children in foster care. Also included are Case Management Services for individuals who are mentally ill, mentally retarded or developmentally disabled.