

The Governor's Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities for the state of Iowa is established under the Developmental Disabilities (DD) Act of 1987, Public Law 100-146 and is located in the Department of Human Services, by executive order of the governor in 1982. The DD Act mandates that one-half of the membership be parents of children with developmental disabilities, or consumers or consumer representatives. The remainder of the membership is to consist of representatives of principal state agencies, local and non-governmental agencies, as well as private, non-profit groups concerned with the development, administration, and delivery of services to persons with developmental disabilities. Members serve three-year terms.

The responsibilities of the DD Council include: developing the state plan for the developmental disabilities program in Iowa; administering the federal grant, which is allocated to Iowa from the Administration on Developmental Disabilities on an annual basis; meeting with the Mental Health/Mental Retardation Commission at least twice a year; reviewing all plans of state agencies that serve persons with developmental disabilities; being a source of information for the governor, the legislature, and the director of the Department of Human Services on matters related to the developmental disabilities program in Iowa; submitting an annual report to the commissioner of the Administration on Developmental Disabilities that summarizes all activities related to the developmental disabilities program in Iowa; and, most importantly, advocating for persons with developmental disabilities.

Mental Health/Mental Retardation Commission, State

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MONA BOND, county supervisor, Montezuma; term expires 1990

MARILEE FREDERICKS, at-large representative, Des Moines; term expires 1991

MYRON GOOKIN, at-large representative, Fairfield; term expires 1991

GLENDA GORSH, at-large representative, Boone; term expires 1992

THOMAS W. HANSEN, M.D., Cedar Rapids; term expires 1991

ROBERT HOOGEVEEN, mental health representative, Sheldon; term expires 1990

KENISTON HOPPENWORTH, at-large representative, Tripoli; term expires 1991

ORIN HUSEMAN, county supervisor, Rock Rapids; term expires 1991

SID MORRIS, JR., at-large representative, Cedar Falls; term expires 1991

PHYLLIS OSBORN, coordinating board, Carroll; term expires 1990

JEAN E. OXLEY, Marion; term expires 1992

SHELDON RITTMER, county supervisor, DeWitt; term expires 1991

YVONNE SCHILDBERG, at-large representative, Greenfield; term expires 1991

SHARON SMITH, coordinating board, Bloomfield; term expires 1992

JAMES A. THOMAS, Glenwood; term expires 1992

KAREN VOSSBERG, mental health representative, Marion; term expires 1989

The commission was established by the 1981 session of the 69th General Assembly and became effective January 1, 1982. The governor appoints the commission with Senate approval. At least four must be county supervisors at the time of their appointment and at least two must be members of a county mental health and mental retardation coordinating board at the time of their appointment. There must be a representative of mental health and one for mental retardation. The remaining members are considered to be at-large.

The commission's responsibilities include: advising the division on the administration of the state plans; annually submitting a report to the governor and General Assembly concerning the activities and recommendations of the commission; beginning in 1985, biannually submitting a report on the availability and cost effectiveness of services; meeting with the governor's Planning Council for Developmental Disabilities at least twice a year; adopting standards for the accreditation of Community Mental Health Centers; adopting standards for the care of and services to mentally ill and mentally retarded persons in county care facilities; adopting standards for the maintenance and operation of public and private facilities serving mentally ill or mentally retarded persons, that are not licensed by the Department of Health; awarding grants; and advising the division, the Council on Human Services, the governor, and the General Assembly on budgets and appropriations.