

225C.51 Children's behavioral health system state board.

1. A children's behavioral health system state board is created as the state body to provide guidance on the implementation and management of a children's behavioral health system for the provision of services to children with a serious emotional disturbance. State board members shall be appointed on the basis of interest and experience in the fields of children's behavioral health to ensure adequate representation from persons with life experiences and from persons knowledgeable about children's behavioral health services. The department shall provide support to the state board, and the board may utilize staff support and other assistance provided to the state board by other persons. The state board shall meet at least four times per year. The membership of the state board shall consist of the following persons:

- a. The director of the department of health and human services or the director's designee.
- b. The director of the department of education or the director's designee.
- c. The director of workforce development or the director's designee.
- d. A member of the mental health and disability services commission.
- e. Members appointed by the governor who are active members of each of the indicated groups:

(1) One member shall be selected from nominees submitted by the state court administrator.

(2) One member shall be selected from nominees submitted by the early childhood Iowa program in the department.

(3) One member shall be a board member or an employee of a provider of mental health services to children.

(4) One member shall be a board member or an employee of a provider of child welfare services.

(5) One member shall be an administrator of an area education agency.

(6) One member shall be an educator, counselor, or administrator of a school district.

(7) One member shall be a representative of an established advocacy organization whose mission or purpose it is, in part, to further goals related to children's mental health.

(8) One member shall be a parent or guardian of a child currently utilizing or who has utilized behavioral health services.

(9) One member shall be a sheriff.

(10) One member shall be a pediatrician.

(11) One member shall be a representative from a health care system.

(12) One member shall be a chief executive officer of a mental health and disability services region.

f. In addition to the voting members, the membership shall include four members of the general assembly with one member designated by each of the following: the majority leader of the senate, the minority leader of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the minority leader of the house of representatives. A legislative member serves for a term as provided in [section 69.16B](#) in a nonvoting, ex officio capacity and is not eligible for per diem and expenses as provided in [section 2.10](#).

2. Members appointed by the governor shall serve four-year staggered terms and are subject to confirmation by the senate. The four-year terms shall begin and end as provided in [section 69.19](#). Vacancies on the state board shall be filled as provided in [section 2.32](#). A member shall not be appointed for more than two consecutive four-year terms.

3. The director and the director of the department of education, or their designees, shall serve as co-chairpersons of the state board. Board members shall not be entitled to a per diem as specified in [section 7E.6](#) and shall not be entitled to actual and necessary expenses incurred while engaged in their official duties.

[2019 Acts, ch 61, §8, 22](#); [2019 Acts, ch 85, §110](#); [2019 Acts, ch 89, §10, 11](#); [2023 Acts, ch 19, §468](#)

Referred to in [§225C.2, 225C.55](#)

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