Governor’s Advisory Council on Behavioral Health and Wellness

Possible Recommendations

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NRS 433A.165 Examination required before admission of person to facility; treatment of certain medical conditions required before admission to facility; payment of costs; exceptions; regulations.

1. Before a person alleged to be a person with mental illness may be admitted to a public or private mental health facility pursuant to NRS 433A.160, the person must:

(a) First be examined by a licensed physician or physician assistant licensed pursuant to chapter 630 or 633 of NRS or an advanced practice registered nurse licensed pursuant to NRS 632.237, or a licensed paramedic pursuant to NRS 450B.090 and 450B.095 at any location where such a physician, physician assistant, advanced practice registered nurse, or licensed paramedic is authorized to conduct such an examination to determine whether the person has a medical problem, other than a psychiatric problem, which requires immediate treatment; and

(b) If such treatment is required, be admitted for the appropriate medical care:
(1) To a hospital if the person is in need of emergency services or care; or
(2) To another appropriate medical facility if the person is not in need of emergency services or care.
Status of Emergency Departments: Boarding of psychiatric patients

• Report on progress in creating appropriate alternatives to jail and emergency departments for managed care patients

• Status report on numbers of “boarded” patients
Elder Issues

A. Department Status Report re: Medicare and Medicaid Rates
B. Status report regarding higher Medicaid rates for nursing facilities prepared and trained to support individuals with behavioral health needs
C. Services reimbursed
   - Depression screening
D. Status report and possible recommendations re: reimbursement of caregiver services
E. Expand mobile crisis team capacity (e.g., training) re: issues related to aging
Changes to Previous Recommendations

A. Expand previous telepsychiatry and consultation recommendations to include consultation re: geropsychiatry, dementia, and related cognitive difficulties

B. Expand previous workforce recommendations (#11) to include gerontology

C. Expand suicide prevention screening recommendations (#10) to include children and elderly.