

AN ACT

To amend the versions of sections 340.03 and 340.041 of the Revised Code scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2017, to allow a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services to authorize its executive director to execute contracts valued at \$25,000 or less without the board's prior approval and to allow temporary cash transfers to the Targeting Addiction Assistance Fund.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Ohio:

SECTION 1. That the versions of sections 340.03 and 340.041 of the Revised Code scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2017, be amended to read as follows:

Sec. 340.03. (A) Subject to rules issued by the director of mental health and addiction services after consultation with relevant constituencies as required by division (A)(10) of section 5119.21 of the Revised Code, each board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services shall:

(1) Serve as the community addiction and mental health planning agency for the county or counties under its jurisdiction, and in so doing it shall:

(a) Evaluate the need for facility services, addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports;

(b) In cooperation with other local and regional planning and funding bodies and with relevant ethnic organizations, evaluate strengths and challenges and set priorities for addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports. A board shall include treatment and prevention services when setting priorities for addiction services and mental health services. When a board sets priorities for addiction services, the board shall consult with the county commissioners of the counties in the board's service district regarding the services described in section 340.15 of the Revised Code and shall give priority to those services, except that those services shall not have a priority over services provided to pregnant women under programs developed in relation to the mandate established in section 5119.17 of the Revised Code.

(c) In accordance with guidelines issued by the director of mental health and addiction services under division (F) of section 5119.22 of the Revised Code, annually develop and submit to the department of mental health and addiction services a community addiction and mental health plan that addresses both of the following:

(i) The needs of all residents of the district currently receiving inpatient services in state-operated hospitals, the needs of other populations as required by state or federal law or programs, and the needs of all children subject to a determination made pursuant to section 121.38 of the Revised Code;

(ii) The department's priorities for facility services, addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports during the period for which the plan will be in effect. The department shall

inform all of the boards of the department's priorities in a timely manner that enables the boards to know the department's priorities before the boards develop and submit the plans.

In alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health service districts that have separate alcohol and drug addiction services and community mental health boards, the alcohol and drug addiction services board shall submit a community addiction plan and the community mental health board shall submit a community mental health plan. Each board shall consult with its counterpart in developing its plan and address the interaction between the local addiction and mental health systems and populations with regard to needs and priorities in developing its plan.

The department shall approve or disapprove the plan, in whole or in part, in accordance with division (G) of section 5119.22 of the Revised Code. Eligibility for state and federal funding shall be contingent upon an approved plan or relevant part of a plan.

If a board determines that it is necessary to amend an approved plan, the board shall submit a proposed amendment to the director. The director shall approve or disapprove all or part of the amendment in accordance with division (H) of section 5119.22 of the Revised Code.

The board shall operate in accordance with the plan approved by the department.

(d) Promote, arrange, and implement working agreements with social agencies, both public and private, and with judicial agencies.

(2) Investigate, or request another agency to investigate, any complaint alleging abuse or neglect of any person receiving addiction services, mental health services, or recovery supports from a community addiction services provider or community mental health services provider or alleging abuse or neglect of a resident receiving addiction services or with mental illness or severe mental disability residing in a residential facility licensed under section 5119.34 of the Revised Code. If the investigation substantiates the charge of abuse or neglect, the board shall take whatever action it determines is necessary to correct the situation, including notification of the appropriate authorities. Upon request, the board shall provide information about such investigations to the department.

(3) For the purpose of section 5119.36 of the Revised Code, cooperate with the director of mental health and addiction services in visiting and evaluating whether the certifiable services and supports of a community addiction services provider or community mental health services provider satisfy the certification standards established by rules adopted under that section;

(4) In accordance with criteria established under division (D) of section 5119.22 of the Revised Code, conduct program audits that review and evaluate the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports provided by community addiction services providers and community mental health services providers under contract with the board and submit the board's findings and recommendations to the department of mental health and addiction services;

(5) In accordance with section 5119.34 of the Revised Code, review an application for a residential facility license and provide to the department of mental health and addiction services any information about the applicant or facility that the board would like the department to consider in reviewing the application;

(6) Audit, in accordance with rules adopted by the auditor of state pursuant to section 117.20 of the Revised Code, at least annually all programs, addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports provided under contract with the board. In so doing, the board may contract for or

employ the services of private auditors. A copy of the fiscal audit report shall be provided to the director of mental health and addiction services, the auditor of state, and the county auditor of each county in the board's district.

(7) Recruit and promote local financial support for addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports from private and public sources;

(8) In accordance with guidelines issued by the department as necessary to comply with state and federal laws pertaining to financial assistance, approve fee schedules and related charges or adopt a unit cost schedule or other methods of payment for addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports provided by community addiction services providers and community mental health services providers that have contracted with the board under section 340.036 of the Revised Code;

(9) Submit to the director and the county commissioners of the county or counties served by the board, and make available to the public, an annual report of the addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports under the jurisdiction of the board, including a fiscal accounting;

(10) Establish a method for evaluating referrals for court-ordered treatment and affidavits filed pursuant to section 5122.11 of the Revised Code in order to assist the probate division of the court of common pleas in determining whether there is probable cause that a respondent is subject to court-ordered treatment and whether alternatives to hospitalization are available and appropriate;

(11) Designate the treatment services, provider, facility, or other placement for each person involuntarily committed to the board pursuant to Chapter 5122. of the Revised Code. The board shall provide the least restrictive and most appropriate alternative that is available for any person involuntarily committed to it and shall assure that the list of addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports submitted and approved in accordance with division (B) of section 340.08 of the Revised Code are available to severely mentally disabled persons residing within its service district. The board shall establish the procedure for authorizing payment for the services and supports, which may include prior authorization in appropriate circumstances. In accordance with section 340.037 of the Revised Code, the board may provide addiction services and mental health services directly to a severely mentally disabled person when life or safety is endangered and when no community addiction services provider or community mental health services provider is available to provide the service.

(12) Ensure that housing built, subsidized, renovated, rented, owned, or leased by the board or a community addiction services provider or community mental health services provider has been approved as meeting minimum fire safety standards and that persons residing in the housing have access to appropriate and necessary services, including culturally relevant services, from a community addiction services provider or community mental health services provider. This division does not apply to residential facilities licensed pursuant to section 5119.34 of the Revised Code.

(13) Establish a mechanism for obtaining advice and involvement of persons receiving addiction services, mental health services, or recovery supports on matters pertaining to services and supports in the alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health service district;

(14) Perform the duties required by rules adopted under section 5119.22 of the Revised Code regarding referrals by the board or community mental health services providers under contract with the board of individuals with mental illness or severe mental disability to class two residential

facilities licensed under section 5119.34 of the Revised Code and effective arrangements for ongoing mental health services for the individuals. The board is accountable in the manner specified in the rules for ensuring that the ongoing mental health services are effectively arranged for the individuals.

(B) Each board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services shall establish such rules, operating procedures, standards, and bylaws, and perform such other duties as may be necessary or proper to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(C) A board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services may receive by gift, grant, devise, or bequest any moneys, lands, or property for the benefit of the purposes for which the board is established, and may hold and apply it according to the terms of the gift, grant, or bequest. All money received, including accrued interest, by gift, grant, or bequest shall be deposited in the treasury of the county, the treasurer of which is custodian of the alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services funds to the credit of the board and shall be available for use by the board for purposes stated by the donor or grantor.

(D) No member or employee of a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services shall be liable for injury or damages caused by any action or inaction taken within the scope of the member's official duties or the employee's employment, whether or not such action or inaction is expressly authorized by this section or any other section of the Revised Code, unless such action or inaction constitutes willful or wanton misconduct. Chapter 2744. of the Revised Code applies to any action or inaction by a member or employee of a board taken within the scope of the member's official duties or employee's employment. For the purposes of this division, the conduct of a member or employee shall not be considered willful or wanton misconduct if the member or employee acted in good faith and in a manner that the member or employee reasonably believed was in or was not opposed to the best interests of the board and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the conduct was unlawful.

(E) The meetings held by any committee established by a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services shall be considered to be meetings of a public body subject to section 121.22 of the Revised Code.

(F)(1) A board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services may establish a rule, operating procedure, standard, or bylaw to allow the executive director of the board to execute both of the following types of contracts valued at twenty-five thousand dollars or less, as determined by the board, on behalf of the board without the board's prior approval:

(a) Emergency contracts for clinical services or recovery support services;

(b) Standard service contracts pertaining to the board's operations.

(2) If a board establishes a rule, operating procedure, standard, or bylaw under division (F)(1) of this section, both of the following shall be the case:

(a) The board shall define the scope of contracts described in divisions (F)(1)(a) and (b) of this section in that rule, operating procedure, standard, or bylaw.

(b) The board shall disclose the existence of a contract executed pursuant to the rule, operating procedure, standard, or bylaw at the first board meeting that occurs after the contract was executed and ensure that a record of that disclosure is included in the written minutes of that meeting.

Sec. 340.041. In addition to such other duties as may be lawfully imposed, the executive director of a board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services shall:

(A) Serve as executive officer of the board and, subject to the prior approval of the board for each contract, except contracts, if any, to which division (F) of section 340.03 of the Revised Code applies, execute contracts on its behalf;

(B) Supervise addiction services, mental health services, recovery supports, and facilities provided, operated, contracted, or supported by the board to the extent of determining that services, supports, and facilities are being administered in conformity with this chapter and rules of the director of mental health and addiction services;

(C) Provide consultation to community addiction services providers and community mental health services providers;

(D) Recommend to the board the changes necessary to increase the effectiveness of addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports and other matters necessary or desirable to carry out this chapter;

(E) Employ and remove from office such employees and consultants in the classified civil service and, subject to the approval of the board, employ and remove from office such other employees and consultants as may be necessary for the work of the board, and fix their compensation and reimbursement within the limits set by the salary schedule and the budget approved by the board;

(F) Encourage the development and expansion of preventive, treatment, and consultative services, as well as recovery supports, in the fields of addiction services and mental health services with emphasis on continuity of care;

(G) Prepare for board approval an annual report of the addiction services, mental health services, recovery supports, and facilities under the jurisdiction of the board, including a fiscal accounting of all services and supports;

(H) Conduct such studies as may be necessary and practicable for the promotion of mental health, promotion of addiction services, and the prevention of mental illness, emotional disorders, and addiction;

(I) Authorize the county auditor, or in a joint-county district the county auditor designated as the auditor for the district, to issue warrants for the payment of board obligations approved by the board, provided that all payments from funds distributed to the board by the department of mental health and addiction services are in accordance with the budget submitted pursuant to section 340.08 of the Revised Code, as approved by the department of mental health and addiction services.

SECTION 2. That the existing versions of sections 340.03 and 340.041 of the Revised Code scheduled to take effect on July 1, 2017, are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. Sections 1 and 2 of this act take effect on July 1, 2017.

Section 4. In fiscal year 2018 and fiscal year 2019, the Director of Budget and Management may make temporary transfers of cash from the General Revenue Fund to the Targeting Addiction Assistance Fund (Fund 5TZ0) as necessary to ensure the implementation of the appropriated program in Fund 5TZ0. Prior to the end of fiscal year 2019, the Director shall determine the available balance in Fund 5TZ0 and transfer the lesser of the available balance in Fund 5TZ0 or cash equal to the

amount previously transferred to Fund 5TZ0 from the General Revenue Fund back to the General Revenue Fund.

Speaker _____ *of the House of Representatives.*

President _____ *of the Senate.*

Passed _____, 20____

Approved _____, 20____

Governor.

The section numbering of law of a general and permanent nature is complete and in conformity with the Revised Code.

Director, Legislative Service Commission.

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