

## **Amended Charge of the Mental Health Oversight Committee**

2004 Acts and Resolves No.122, § 141c, as amended by  
2006 Acts and Resolves No. 215, § 293a and 2007 Acts and Resolves No. 65, § 124b

(a) The mental health oversight committee is created to ensure that consumers have access to a comprehensive and adequate continuum of mental health services. The committee shall be composed of one member from each of the house committees on human services, institutions, and appropriations and a member-at-large to be appointed by the speaker of the house, not all from the same party, and one member from each of the senate committees on health and welfare, institutions, and appropriations and one member-at-large to be appointed by the committee on committees, not all from the same party. Initial appointments shall be made upon passage.

(b) Members of the committee shall serve as the liaison to their respective legislative standing committees with primary jurisdiction over the various components of Vermont's mental health system. The committee shall work with, assist, and advise the other committees of the general assembly, members of the executive branch, and the public on matters related to Vermont's mental health system.

(c) The committee is authorized to meet up to six times per year while the general assembly is not in session to perform its functions under this section.

(d) The commissioner of mental health shall report to the committee as required by the committee.

(e) Members of the committee shall be entitled to compensation and reimbursement for expenses under section 406 of Title 2.

(f) The legislative council, and the joint fiscal office shall provide staff support requested by the committee.

(g) The mental health oversight committee shall provide a progress report to each of the committees represented thereon no later than January 15 of each year.