Bill as Introduced

HB 196 – AS INTRODUCED

2003 SESSION

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HOUSE BILL ***196***

AN ACT establishing a commission to study means to integrate services for people with co-occurring disorders.

SPONSORS: Rep. MacKay, Merr 39; Rep. Emerton, Hills 48; Rep. Batula, Hills 58

COMMITTEE: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

ANALYSIS

This bill establishes a commission to study the feasibility of integrating services for people with co-occurring disorders.

Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Three

AN ACT establishing a commission to study means to integrate services for people with co-occurring disorders.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Commission Established. There is established a commission to study the feasibility of integrating services for people with co-occurring disorders. For purposes of this act, "co-occurring" means substance abuse and mental illness disorders.

2 Membership and Compensation.

I. The members of the commission shall be as follows:

(a) Two members of the house of representatives, appointed by the speaker of the house.

(b) Two members of the senate, appointed by the president of the senate.

(c) Five members of the public, appointed by the governor.

II. Legislative members of the commission shall receive mileage at the legislative rate when attending to the duties of the commission.

3 Duties. The commission shall study how to integrate divisions within the department of health and human services that deal with substance abuse, mental illness, and infectious diseases. The commission shall include in its study an examination of the relationship between these populations and the services provided in correctional facilities. The commission shall also identify how integration of services may affect outcomes.

4 Chairperson; Quorum. The members of the commission shall elect a chairperson from among the members. The first meeting of the commission shall be called by the first-named house member. The first meeting of the commission shall be held within 45 days of the effective date of this section. Six members of the commission shall constitute a quorum.

5 Report. The commission shall report its findings and any recommendations for proposed legislation to the speaker of the house of representatives, the senate president, the house clerk, the senate clerk, the governor, and the state library on or before November 1, 2003.

6 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Hearing Minutes

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

PUBLIC HEARING ON HB 196

BILL TITLE: **establishing a commission to study means to integrate services for people with co-occurring disorders.**

DATE: **January 21, 2003**

LOB ROOM: **205** **Time Public Hearing Called to Order:** **11:30 A.M.**

Time Adjourned: **12:10 P.M.**

(please circle if present)

Committee Members: Reps. Batula, Dalrymple, Chabot, Joseph Manning, P. Katsakiores, Pilliod, Wendelboe, MacKay, S. Eaton, Barry, C. Brown, Daniels, McMahon, Price, Weldy, French, Seldin, Harris, Sokol, Shultis and Miller

Bill Sponsors: Rep. MacKay, Merr 39; Rep. Emerton, Hills 48; Rep. Batula, Hills 58

TESTIMONY

* Use asterisk if written testimony and/or amendments are submitted.

Rep. James MacKay, prime sponsor. Introduced the bill and spoke in support of its passage. In recent years, there has been a growing interest and concern about individuals who have been identified as having a mental disorder and an alcohol or drug disorder. A recent estimate by the US DHHS estimates that there are 7-10 million individuals who have these co-occurring illnesses. In the past, conditions have been called dual diagnosis or co-morbid conditions. In trying to conceptualize a framework to understand individuals who have co-occurring substance abuse and mental disorders, there is movement away from specific diagnoses and instead it looks at symptom multiplicity and severity. Of major concern to me are those individuals who are struggling on the highest level of severity. These are individuals who have severe types of addiction and mental illness. Unfortunately, some of these individuals also have other symptoms. Over the past few years, I have had some experience with people with HIV/AIDS. The most difficult of these individuals to work with are those who also have severe alcohol or drug addictions and major mental illness. Some are homeless and may have other medical conditions such as hepatitis, other STD'S, nutritional problems, poverty and severe interpersonal problems. Those who work in the field of corrections recognize the significant increase among prisoners with addiction. The challenge in working with this segment of the population (and the other three segments as well) who have co-occurring illnesses is that effective intervention requires the integration and collaboration of those who work in the various systems that historically and separately deal with alcohol and drug abuse conditions and mental health illnesses. In addition, it is important that those treatment interventions are based on scientific research. The purpose of this study is to review how the various pertinent divisions of the DHHS are functioning and the provision of integrated services to those with co-occurring illnesses. As legislators, we have a public policy obligation to ascertain that our citizens are provided the best care possible in the most cost-effective manner. Those at high risk who have severe co-occurring illnesses often live a chaotic life at great expense to themselves and everyone around them. I hope that you will support this study. In New Hampshire, we have highly qualified individuals who have

significant experience both in alcoholism/drug abuse and mental illnesses. They have pledged their assistance to those who would be conducting the study review.

*Alexander de Nesnera, MD, a psychiatrist, former President of the New Hampshire Psychiatric Association and a Board Member of NHMI, NH. He spoke in support of the bill and submitted written testimony.

Martha Yager, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of NH - Friends Service Association and advocate for the homeless. Spoke in strong support of the bill. She said that the individuals referred to in this bill are a subset of the homeless population and represent individuals who are hard to treat and in great need. She thinks that there may be federal grand funds available to help with programs that work with individuals who have co-occurring illnesses in a collaborative and integrated way.

Pink Cards:

- Alexander de Nesnera, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill – NH, 36 Clinton St., Concord 03301. 271-5300. Supports the bill.
- Martha Yager, Housing Forum, 4 Park St., #209, Concord. 224-2407. Supports the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. James R. MacKay
Committee Clerk

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Testimony

NAMI NEW HAMPSHIRE

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January 21, 2003

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To: Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs Committee
From: Alexander de Nesnera, Board Member, NAMI NH
Re: HB 196

Dear Committee Members:

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill NH strongly supports House Bill 196. As a grassroots coalition of people and their families coping with mental illness, NAMI NH's efforts focus on support to families, advocacy for non-discriminatory and equitable funding and policies, research into causes, symptoms and treatments of mental illness and education to eliminate stigma.

Establishing a commission to study ways to integrate services for individuals with co-occurring substance abuse and mental illnesses is a significant, positive step toward developing programs that will provide comprehensive treatment for this population.

Historically, individuals with co-occurring disorders have received sequential or parallel treatment from the separate mental health services and substance abuse treatment systems. Neither system has developed the capacity to provide both mental health and substance abuse treatment within a single program. Fragmented and uncoordinated services create a service gap for persons with co-occurring disorders. What is needed is integrated treatment, where mental illness and addictive disorders services and interventions are delivered simultaneously at the same treatment site, ideally with cross-trained staff.

Research has shown that combined treatment is effective at engaging people with co-occurring disorders in outpatient services, maintaining continuity and consistency of care, reducing hospitalization, and decreasing substance abuse, while at the same time improving social functioning.

NAMI NH supports this bill, and thanks this committee for the opportunity to testify in its favor today.

Alexander de Nesnera, Board Member, NAMI NH

Voting Sheets

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES AND ELDERLY AFFAIRS

EXECUTIVE SESSION on HB 196

BILL TITLE: **establishing a commission to study means to integrate services for people with co-occurring disorders.**

DATE: January 22,2003

LOB ROOM: 205

Amendments:

Sponsor: Rep. OLS Document #:

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Motions: (OTP), OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep. MacKay

Seconded by Rep. Katsakiores

Vote: 15, 0 (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

Motions: OTP, OTP/A, ITL, Interim Study (Please circle one.)

Moved by Rep.

Seconded by Rep.

Vote: (Please attach record of roll call vote.)

CONSENT CALENDAR VOTE: 15-0

(Vote to place on Consent Calendar must be unanimous.)

Statement of Intent: Refer to Committee Report

Respectfully submitted,

Rep. James R. MacKay, Clerk

OFFICE OF THE HOUSE CLERK 2003 SESSION

HEALTH, HUMAN SERVICES & ELDERLY AFFAIRS

Bill #: HB 196 Title: Re Co-occurring disorders

PH Date: 1/21/03 Exec Session Date: 1/22/03

Motion: OTP Amendment #:

MEMBER	YEAS	NAYS
Batula, Peter L. Chairman		
Dalrymple, Janeen A. V Chairman	✓	
Chabot, Robert F	✓	
Manning, Joseph P	✓	
Katsakiores, Phyllis M	✓	
Pilliod, James P	✓	
Wendelboe, Fran	absent	
MacKay, James R	✓	
Eaton, Stephanie	absent	
Barry, J Gail	✓	
Brown, Carolyn A	✓	
Daniels, Eric M	✓	
McMahon, Charles E	✓	
Price, Pamela G	absent	
Weldy, Norman E	✓	
French, Barbara C	absent	
Seldin, Gloria	absent	
Harris, Sandra C	✓	
Sokol, Hilda W	✓	
Shultis, Elizabeth C	✓	
Miller, Joseph M	✓	
TOTAL VOTE:	15	0

Printed: 1/6/2003

Committee Report

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: **Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs**

BILL NUMBER: **HB 196**

TITLE: establishing a commission to study means to integrate services for people with co-occurring disorders.

DATE: January 22, 2003 CONSENT CALENDAR YES ☒ NO ☐

☒ OUGHT TO PASS

☐ OUGHT TO PASS WITH AMENDMENT

☐ INEXPEDIENT TO LEGISLATE

☐ REFER TO COMMITTEE FOR INTERIM STUDY
(Available only in second year of biennium.)

STATEMENT OF INTENT
(Include Committee Vote)

In recent years, there has been an increasing concern about persons who are struggling with more than one combination of addiction and mental illness. This bill forms a commission to study what is now known as co-occurring illnesses. The more serious of these individuals constitute a difficult treatment challenge. The study should review current research about the importance of integrated and collaborative treatment approaches particularly for those who are struggling at the highest level of severity. The study will review the way the various divisions within the Department of Heath and Human Services are functioning as to the promotion of integrated services for those with co-occurring illnesses.

Vote 15-0.

Rep. James R. MacKay
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

USE ANOTHER REPORT FOR MINORITY REPORT

CONSENT CALENDAR

Health, Human Services and Elderly Affairs

HB 196, establishing a commission to study means to integrate services for people with co-occurring disorders. OUGHT TO PASS

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Vote 15-0.

COMMITTEE REPORT

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DATE: CONSENT CALENDAR YES ☒ NO ☐

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STATEMENT OF INTENT
(Include Committee Vote)

Vote 15-0

Rep. Marc Kenney
FOR THE COMMITTEE

Original: House Clerk
cc: Committee Bill file

USE ANOTHER REPORT FOR MINORITY REPORT

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In recent years, there has been an increasing concern about persons who are struggling with more than one ~~addiction~~ combination of addiction and mental illness. This bill forms a commission to study what is now known as co-occurring illness. The unique needs of these individuals constitute a difficult treatment challenge. The study should review current research about the importance of integrated and collaborative treatment approaches particularly for those who are struggling at the highest level of severity.

The study will review the way the various divisions within the ND Department of Health and Human Services are functioning as to the provision of integrated services for those with co-occurring illnesses.

Peter Dotzler