

Amendment to HB 400

1 Amend the title of the bill by replacing it with the following:

2
3 AN ACT requiring the department of health and human services to develop a 10-year plan for
4 mental health services.
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6 Amend the bill by replacing all after the enacting clause with the following:
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8 1 Purpose and Findings. The general court finds that:

9 I. In 2008, the New Hampshire department of health and human services collaborated with
10 the New Hampshire community behavioral health association to develop a 10-year plan for mental
11 health services.

12 II. A task force issued "A Strategy for Restoration," which included recommendations to
13 address the services and supports needed to meet the needs of New Hampshire's residents in need
14 of mental health services. This report focused on the adult population. Many of the
15 recommendations in the 2008 report were implemented.

16 III. However, in the intervening time, the state has experienced a number of changes that
17 require a renewed look at the current gaps and the emerging models of care to most effectively
18 serve adults and their families and to expand the plan to include children. These changes include
19 the community mental health agreement, the Medicaid 1115 transformation waiver, and the system
20 of care law.

21 IV. Therefore, the general court finds a need to continue the progress made regarding the
22 delivery of mental health services by directing the department of health and human services to
23 develop a comprehensive 10-year plan for mental health services in collaboration with the general
24 court and key stakeholders.

25 2 Department of Health and Human Services; Development of a 10-year Plan for Mental
26 Health Services Required.

27 I. The department of health and human services, division for behavioral health and division
28 of public health services, shall develop a comprehensive 10-year plan for the mental health system.
29 The 10-year strategy shall be founded on the principles of resiliency and recovery, evidence-based
30 practice, effectiveness and efficiency. In developing the plan, the department shall consult with
31 provider organizations and associations, advocates and policymakers. The department shall also
32 conduct a needs assessment which includes:

33 (a) An inventory of existing services, including inpatient and outpatient services,

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1 housing supports, peer and family supports; and

2 (b) A gap analysis to determine the need versus the current capacity of services. The
3 analysis shall take into account wait-times for services.

4 II. The plan shall:

5 (a) Focus on a population health approach, particularly regarding the integration of the
6 mental health system with other systems of care, including, but not limited to medical services,
7 substance use services and social services.

8 (b) Provide specific recommendations and steps to eliminate or reduce to the greatest
9 extent practicable the number of persons waiting in hospital emergency departments and the
10 resources necessary to implement those actions.

11 (c) Address a continuum of care, encompassing services and supports needed across the
12 lifespan including:

13 (1) Establishing performance metrics to determine effectiveness of services.

14 (2) Including emergent models of care.

15 (3) Providing recommendations to policymakers on strategies to meet the goals of
16 the plan.

17 III. The commissioner of the department of health and human services shall submit the
18 plan to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the governor on
19 or before December 31, 2018. The department shall provide interim reports to the oversight
20 committee on health and human services, established under RSA 126-A:13, on or before October 1,
21 2017 and on or before March 1, 2018.

22 3 New Section; Mobile Crisis Units. Amend RSA 135-C by inserting after section 19-a the
23 following new section:

24 135-C:19-b Mobile Crisis Units. The department shall expand the use of mobile crisis units and
25 designated receiving facilities to the extent practicable statewide.

26 4 Effective Date. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

This bill requires the department of health and human services to develop a comprehensive 10-year plan for the mental health system. Under this bill, the plan shall be submitted to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate, and the governor on or before December 31, 2018.