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CHAPTER 183

COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

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§ 2051. Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to expand community mental health services; to encourage participation in such a program by persons in local communities; to obtain better understanding of the need of such services and to secure aid for the program by state aid and local financial support.

1961, c. 391, § 1.

§ 2052. Powers

The Department of Mental Health and Corrections may provide mental health services throughout the State, and for that purpose may cooperate with other state agencies, municipalities, persons and nonprofit corporations. The department shall adopt and promulgate rules and regulations relating to the administration of the services authorized by this chapter. Under this chapter, funds will be granted by the commissioner only to those organizations whose programs provide for adequate standards of professional service. The department may receive and use for the purpose of this chapter money appropriated by the State and grants by the United States Government and gifts from individuals.

1961, c. 391, § 1.

§ 2053. Municipalities and other governmental units

A municipality or other governmental unit, such as a county, school district, health district, etc., through its local board of health or other town or governmental agency approved by the department, is authorized to adopt and carry out a program of mental health services established or approved by the department

and appropriate money for that purpose. A municipality or other governmental unit may join with another municipality or governmental unit to carry out such a program.

1961, c. 391, § 1.

§ 2054. State aid

Upon application to the department by such municipality, governmental unit or by a nonprofit corporation organized for the improving of community health and welfare, the department may grant to the municipality, governmental unit or nonprofit organization money to be used for carrying out its mental health services.

1961, c. 391, § 1.

§ 2055. Amount

Such grant of money shall not exceed in any single year $\frac{1}{2}$ of the operating expenses incurred by the municipality, governmental unit or nonprofit corporation receiving the grant after deducting from said expense the fees, if any, received for the services rendered. Consideration shall be given to the ability of the municipality or governmental unit to support the mental health services, as reflected by the state's evaluation of the component communities. For nonprofit corporations, all income and resources shall be taken into account.

1961, c. 391, § 1.

§ 2056. Fees

The program authorized by the department may include the providing of services by said department or the municipality, governmental unit or nonprofit corporation directly to individuals, for which a fee may be charged if the individual is financially able to pay the same. Fees received by the department shall be credited to the General Fund. Fees received by the municipality, governmental unit or nonprofit corporation are appropriated to each for use in carrying out its duties under this chapter.

1961, c. 391, § 1.