



PENINSULA RSN

INTRODUCTION POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

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COMMUNITY ACCOUNTABILITY

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PURPOSE

It is the policy of the Peninsula Regional Support Network (PRSN) to ensure services are responsive in an age and culturally appropriate manner to the mental health needs of its community, within available resources.

PROCEDURE

The PRSN will:

1. Establish a governance structure through Inter-local Agreement consistent with chapter 71.24 RCW, herein identified as the Peninsula Regional Support Network (PRSN) Executive Board. The board will consist of at the least three members of each County Board of Commissioners for the counties comprising the PRSN. The board will meet as is necessary for the conduct of business in accordance with the Interlocal Agreement establishing the PRSN.
2. Appoint a fifteen member PRSN Advisory Board which will:
 - a. Broadly represent the demographic character of the region and the mentally ill persons served by the PRSN:
 - Appointment of five persons per county served on the Board
 - Members will be recruited through local newspaper ads, notification to local advocacy groups, and notification to local minority groups including sovereign Tribes. Members shall be appointed by the County Board of Commissioners of each county. Applications will be reviewed at the PRSN level and all applications submitted to the local Board of Commissioners with a staff recommendation for appointment.

- Appointment of persons to the advisory board so that no less than 51% of the board at any time will be either consumers or past consumers of public mental health services; or family or foster family members of consumers, including parents of emotionally disturbed children.
 - b. Be recruited at the discretion of the County requiring representation and in accordance with and supportive of the goals and requirements of the Advisory Board and PRSN.
 - c. Review and comment on plans, budgets, and policies developed by the PRSN to implement the requirements of chapter 71.24 RCW and WAC 388-865. The PRSN Advisory Board shall forward its comments to the PRSN Executive Board and other applicable entities responsible for public mental health.
3. Appoint a five to ten member PRSN Quality Review Team (QRT), which will:
- a. Be appointed by the PRSN Advisory Board for two-year terms.
 - Members may be members of the Advisory Board or other interested community members.
 - The QRT shall select a chair to manage committee meetings.
 - PRSN shall provide staffing to the QRT.
 - b. Report on-site and activity findings to the PRSN Advisory Board.
 - QRT on-site final reports shall be presented to the Advisory Board prior to publishing/ distributing.
 - Up to two members of the QRT shall be appointed to the Quality Improvement Committee.