

1-1 By: Truitt (Senate Sponsor - Deuell) H.B. No. 2196
1-2 (In the Senate - Received from the House April 14, 2009;
1-3 April 27, 2009, read first time and referred to Committee on Health
1-4 and Human Services; May 8, 2009, reported adversely, with
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1-7 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR H.B. No. 2196 By: Deuell

1-8 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
1-9 AN ACT

1-10 relating to the establishment of a workgroup to study and make
1-11 recommendations on the integration of health and behavioral health
1-12 services.

1-13 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-14 SECTION 1. (a) The executive commissioner of the Health and
1-15 Human Services Commission shall establish a workgroup to recommend
1-16 best practices in policy, training, and service delivery to promote
1-17 the integration of health and behavioral health services in this
1-18 state.

1-19 (b) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human
1-20 Services Commission shall appoint members to serve on the
1-21 workgroup. The workgroup must include:

1-22 (1) at least one representative of the Department of
1-23 State Health Services;

1-24 (2) at least one representative of the Department of
1-25 Aging and Disability Services;

1-26 (3) at least one representative of the Department of
1-27 Family and Protective Services;

1-28 (4) at least one representative of the Health and
1-29 Human Services Commission;

1-30 (5) a representative of the Texas Department of
1-31 Insurance;

1-32 (6) a representative of a state organization that
1-33 represents community mental health and mental retardation centers;

1-34 (7) a representative of a state organization that
1-35 represents federally qualified health centers;

1-36 (8) a representative of a state organization that
1-37 represents substance abuse providers;

1-38 (9) at least one representative of state associations
1-39 that represent medical and behavioral health professionals;

1-40 (10) at least one representative of a statewide
1-41 organization that promotes mental health and prevention of mental
1-42 disorders and advocates and educates to improve the care and
1-43 treatment of persons with mental illness;

1-44 (11) at least one consumer member of an organization
1-45 that represents consumers of mental health services;

1-46 (12) at least one representative of an organization
1-47 that represents family members of consumers of mental health
1-48 services;

1-49 (13) a representative of a mental health philanthropy
1-50 that is an administrative unit of a public institution of higher
1-51 education in this state and that agrees to provide administrative
1-52 support to the workgroup; and

1-53 (14) additional members who are recognized experts in
1-54 integrated health care in the state, who have direct experience
1-55 with the provision of integrated health care, or who represent the
1-56 interests of consumers, communities, family members, advocates,
1-57 business leaders, medical and behavioral health providers, and
1-58 insurers.

1-59 (c) The workgroup shall study and make recommendations on
1-60 the integration of health and behavioral health services in this
1-61 state. The workgroup may request any information it needs from
1-62 state agencies, and the state agencies shall comply with the
1-63 request.

2-1 (d) The executive commissioner of the Health and Human
 2-2 Services Commission shall:
 2-3 (1) not later than October 1, 2009, establish the
 2-4 workgroup as required under Subsection (a) of this section; and
 2-5 (2) not later than August 1, 2010, file with the
 2-6 appropriate committees of the senate and the house of
 2-7 representatives a report that describes the best practices for
 2-8 health and behavioral health integration, barriers to implementing
 2-9 the best practices in this state, and policy considerations for
 2-10 improving integrated service delivery to the citizens of this
 2-11 state.
 2-12 (e) This section expires and the workgroup created under
 2-13 this section is abolished on August 31, 2010.
 2-14 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2009.

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