



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 5119.22 Director of behavioral health duties.

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The director of behavioral health, with respect to all mental health and addiction facilities, addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports established and operated or provided under Chapter 340. of the Revised Code, shall do all of the following:

- (A) Adopt rules pursuant to Chapter 119. of the Revised Code that may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter and Chapters 340. and 5122. of the Revised Code;
- (B) Review and evaluate the community-based continuum of care required by section 340.032 of the Revised Code to be established in each service district, taking into account the findings and recommendations of the board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services of the district submitted under division (A)(4) of section 340.03 of the Revised Code and the priorities and plans of the department of behavioral health, including the needs of residents of the district currently receiving services in state-operated hospitals, and make recommendations for needed improvements to boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services;
- (C) At the director's discretion, provide to boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services state or federal funds, in addition to those allocated under section 5119.23 of the Revised Code, for special programs or projects the director considers necessary but for which local funds are not available;
- (D)(1) Establish criteria to be taken into account by each board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services when it conducts program audits under section 340.03 of the Revised Code to review and evaluate the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of the facility services, addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports for which it contracts under section 340.036 of the Revised Code. The criteria shall include requirements ensuring appropriate utilization of the services and supports. The department shall assess each board's evaluation of the services and supports and the compliance of each board with this section, Chapter 340. of the Revised Code, and other state or federal law and regulations.



(2) The department, in cooperation with the board, periodically shall review and evaluate the quality, effectiveness, and efficiency of both of the following:

(a) The facility services, addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports for which each board contracts under section 340.036 of the Revised Code;

(b) The facilities, addiction services, and mental health services that each board operates or provides under section 340.037 of the Revised Code.

The department shall collect information that is necessary to perform its review and evaluation.

(E) Issue guidelines to be followed by each board of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services when it reviews under division (A)(6) of section 340.03 of the Revised Code any annual financial audit reports submitted to the board by community addiction services providers and community mental health services providers;

(F) To the extent the director determines necessary and after consulting with boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services, community addiction services providers, and community mental health services providers, develop and operate, or contract for the operation of, a community behavioral health information system or systems. The department shall specify the information that must be provided by the boards and providers for inclusion in the system or systems.

Boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services, community addiction services providers, and community mental health services providers shall submit information requested by the department in the form and manner and in accordance with time frames prescribed by the department. Information collected by the department may include all of the following:

(1) Information on addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports provided;

(2) Financial information regarding expenditures of federal, state, or local funds;

(3) Information about persons served.



The department shall not collect any personal information from the boards or providers except as required or permitted by state or federal law for purposes related to payment, health care operations, program and service evaluation, reporting activities, research, system administration, and oversight.

(G) In consultation with representatives of boards of alcohol, drug addiction, and mental health services and after consideration of recommendations made by the medical director appointed under section 5119.11 of the Revised Code, establish all of the following:

- (1) Guidelines, including a timetable, for the boards' development and submission of proposed community addiction and mental health plans, budgets, and lists of addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports under sections 340.03 and 340.08 of the Revised Code;
- (2) Procedures, including a timetable, for the director's review and approval or disapproval of the plans, budgets, and lists;
- (3) Procedures for corrective action regarding the plans, budgets, and lists, including submission of revised or new plans, budgets, and lists;
- (4) Procedures for the director to follow in offering technical assistance to boards to assist them in making the plans, budgets, and lists acceptable or in making proposed amendments to approved plans, budgets, and lists meet criteria for approval;
- (5) Procedures for issuing time-limited waivers under section 5119.221 of the Revised Code.

(H) Review each board's proposed community addiction and mental health plan, budget, and list of addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports submitted pursuant to sections 340.03 and 340.08 of the Revised Code and approve or disapprove the plan, the budget, and the list in whole or in part. The director shall disapprove a board's proposed budget in whole or in part if the proposed budget would not make available in the board's service district the essential elements of the community-based continuum of care required by section 340.032 of the Revised Code, including, except as otherwise authorized by a time-limited waiver issued under section 5119.221 of the Revised Code, an array of addiction services and recovery supports for all levels of opioid and co-



occurring drug addiction.

Prior to a final decision to disapprove a plan, budget, or list in whole or in part, a representative of the director shall meet with the board and discuss the reason for the action the director proposes to take and any corrective action that should be taken to make the plan, budget, or list acceptable to the director. In addition, the director shall offer technical assistance to the board to assist it to make the plan, budget, or list acceptable. The director shall give the board a reasonable time in which to revise the plan, budget, or list. The board thereafter shall submit a revised plan, budget, or list or a new plan, budget, or list.

(I) Approve or disapprove all or part of proposed amendments that a board of alcohol, drug addiction, or mental health services submits under section 340.03 or 340.08 of the Revised Code to an approved community addiction and mental health plan, budget, or list of addiction services, mental health services, and recovery supports.

If the director disapproves of all or part of any proposed amendment, the director shall provide the board an opportunity to present its position. The director shall inform the board of the reasons for the disapproval and of the criteria that must be met before the proposed amendment may be approved. The director shall give the board a reasonable time within which to meet the criteria and shall offer technical assistance to the board to help it meet the criteria.

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*The Legislative Service Commission presents the text of this section as a composite of the section as amended by multiple acts of the General Assembly. This presentation recognizes the principle stated in R.C. 1.52(B) that amendments are to be harmonized if reasonably capable of simultaneous operation.*