

BY-LAWS
of the
State of Wisconsin
State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse
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ARTICLE I

Purpose and Responsibilities

Section 1. Authority

The council is created in the office of the governor pursuant to sec. 14.017 (2), Wis. Stats. Its responsibilities are specified under sec. 14.24, Wis. Stats.

Section 2. Purpose

The purpose of the state council on alcohol and other drug abuse is to enhance the quality of life of Wisconsin citizens by preventing alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse and its consequences through prevention, treatment, recovery, and enforcement and control activities by:

- a. Supporting, promoting and encouraging the implementation of a system of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse services that are evidence-based, gender and culturally competent, population specific, and that ensure equal and barrier-free access;
- b. Supporting the prevention and reduction of alcohol, tobacco, and other drug use and abuse through evidence-based practice with a special emphasis on underage use; and
- c. Supporting and encouraging recovery in communities by reducing discrimination, barriers and promoting healthy lifestyles.

Section 3. Responsibilities

The state council on alcohol and other drug abuse shall:

- a. Provide leadership and coordination regarding alcohol and other drug abuse issues confronting the state.

- b. Meet at least once every 3 months.
- c. By June 30, 1994, and by June 30 every 4 years thereafter, develop a comprehensive state plan for alcohol and other drug abuse programs. The state plan shall include all of the following:
 - i. Goals, for the time period covered by the plan, for the state alcohol and other drug abuse services system.
 - ii. To achieve the goals in par. (a), a delineation of objectives, which the council shall review annually and, if necessary, revise.
 - iii. An analysis of how currently existing alcohol and other drug abuse programs will further the goals and objectives of the state plan and which programs should be created, revised or eliminated to achieve the goals and objectives of the state plan.
- d. Each biennium, after introduction into the legislature but prior to passage of the biennial state budget bill, review and make recommendations to the governor, the legislature and state agencies, as defined in s. 20.001 (1), regarding the plans, budgets and operations of all state alcohol and other drug abuse programs.
- e. Provide the legislature with a considered opinion under s. 13.098.
- f. Coordinate and review efforts and expenditures by state agencies to prevent and control alcohol and other drug abuse and make recommendations to the agencies that are consistent with policy priorities established in the state plan developed under sub. (3).
- g. Clarify responsibility among state agencies for various alcohol and other drug abuse prevention and control programs, and direct cooperation between state agencies.
- h. Each biennium, select alcohol and other drug abuse programs to be evaluated for their effectiveness, direct agencies to complete the evaluations, review and comment on the proposed evaluations and analyze the results for incorporation into new or improved alcohol and other drug abuse programming.
- i. Publicize the problems associated with abuse of alcohol and other drugs and the efforts to prevent and control the abuse.

- j. Issue reports to educate people about the dangers of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse.
- k. The council also recommends legislation, and provides input on state alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse budget initiatives.
- l. Form committees and sub-committees for consideration of policies or programs, including but not limited to, legislation, funding and standards of care, for persons of all ages to address alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse problems.

ARTICLE II

Membership

Section 1. Authority

Membership is in accordance with section 14.017(2), Wis. Stats.

Section 2. Members

- 2.1** The 22-member council includes six members with a professional, research or personal interest in alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse problems, appointed for four-year terms, and one of them must be a consumer representing the public. It was created by chapter 384, laws of 1969, as the drug abuse control commission. Chapter 219, laws of 1971, changed its name to the council on drug abuse and placed the council in the executive office. It was renamed the council on alcohol and other drug abuse by chapter 370, laws of 1975, and the state council on alcohol and other drug abuse by chapter 221, laws of 1979. In 1993, Act 210 created the state council on alcohol and other drug abuse, incorporating the citizen's council on alcohol and other drug abuse, and expanding the state council and other drug abuse's membership and duties. The state council on alcohol and other drug abuse's appointments, composition and duties are prescribed in sections 15.09 (1)(a), 14.017 (2), and 14.24 of the statutes, respectively.

The council strives to have statewide geographic representation, which includes urban and rural populated areas, to have representation from varied stakeholder groups, and shall be a diverse group with respect to age, race, religion, color, sex, national origin or ancestry, disability or association with a person with a disability, arrest or conviction record, sexual orientation, marital status or pregnancy, political belief, or affiliation, or military participation.

2.2 There is created in the office of the governor a state council on alcohol and other drug abuse consisting of the governor, the attorney general, the state superintendent of public instruction, the secretary of health services, the commissioner of insurance, the secretary of corrections, the secretary of transportation and the chairperson of the pharmacy examining board, or their designees; a representative of the controlled substances board; a representative of any governor's committee or commission created under subch. I of ch. 14 to study law enforcement issues; 6 members, one of whom is a consumer representing the public at large, with demonstrated professional, research or personal interest in alcohol and other drug abuse problems, appointed for 4-year terms; a representative of an organization or agency which is a direct provider of services to alcoholics and other drug abusers; a member of the Wisconsin County Human Service Association, Inc., who is nominated by that association; and 2 members of each house of the legislature, representing the majority party and the minority party in each house, chosen as are the members of standing committees in their respective houses. Section 15.09 applies to the council.

2.3 Selection of Members

From Wis. Stats. 15.09 (1)(a); Unless otherwise provided by law, the governor shall appoint the members of councils for terms prescribed by law. Except as provided in par. (b), fixed terms shall expire on July 1 and shall, if the term is for an even number of years, expire in an odd-numbered year.

2.4 Ex-Officio Members

- a. Ex-officio members may be appointed by a majority vote of the council to serve on the council, special task forces, technical subcommittees and standing committees. Other agencies may be included but the following agencies shall be represented through ex-officio membership: The Wisconsin Departments of: Revenue, Work Force Development, Safety and Professional Services, Veteran Affairs and Children and Families, the Wisconsin Technical Colleges System and the University of Wisconsin System.
- b. Ex-officio members of the council may participate in the discussions of the council, special task forces, technical subcommittees, and standing committees except that the chairperson may limit their participation as necessary to allow full participation by appointed members of the council subject to the appeal of the ruling of the chairperson.

- c. Ex-officio members will serve four-year terms.
- d. An ex-officio member shall be allowed to sit with the council and participate in discussions of agenda items, but shall not be allowed to vote on any matter coming before the council or any committee of the council, or to make any motion regarding any matter before the council.
- e. An ex-officio member may not be elected as an officer of the council.
- f. An ex-officio member shall observe all rules, regulations and policies applicable to statutory members of the council, and any other conditions, restrictions or requirements established or directed by vote of a majority of the statutory members of the council

2.5 Selection of Officers

Unless otherwise provided by law, at its first meeting in each year the council shall elect a chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary from among its members. Any officer may be reelected for successive terms. For any council created under the general authority of s. 15.04 (1) (c), the constitutional officer or secretary heading the department or the chief executive officer of the independent agency in which such council is created shall designate an employee of the department or independent agency to serve as secretary of the council and to be a voting member thereof.

2.6 Terms of Voting Members

- a. Voting members shall remain on the council until the effective date of their resignation, term limit or removal by the governor, or until their successors are named and appointed by the governor.
- b. Letter of resignation shall be sent to the governor and council chairperson.
- c. Each voting member or designee of the council is entitled to one vote.

2.7 Code of Ethics

All members of the council are bound by the codes of ethics for public officials, Chapter 19, Wis. Stats., except that they are not required to file a statement of economic interest. Ex-officio members are not required to file an oath of office. As soon as reasonably possible after

appointment or commencement of a conflicting interest and before voting on any grant, members shall reveal any actual or potential conflict of interest. Chapter 19.46 of Wisconsin State Statutes states that no state public official may take any official action substantially affecting a matter in which the official, a member of his or her immediate family, or an organization with which the official is associated has a substantial financial interest or use his or her office or position in a way that produces or assists in the production of a substantial benefit, direct or indirect, for the official, one or more members of the official's immediate family either separately or together, or an organization with which the official is associated.

2.8 Nondiscrimination

The council will not discriminate because of age, race, religion, color, sex, national origin or ancestry, disability or association with a person with a disability, arrest or conviction record, sexual orientation, marital status or pregnancy, political belief, or affiliation, or military participation.

2.9 Nomination Process for Appointed Members and Officers

As per Article II, Section 2.1, the governor is required to appoint six citizen members. In addition, the council elects the chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary, annually. The council will follow this process when making recommendations to the governor concerning appointments and nominating a slate of officers:

- a. The council, along with the office of the governor and department staff, will monitor when council terms will expire. It will also monitor the composition of the council with respect to the factors specified in Article II, Section 2.1.
- b. The vice-chairperson of the council shall convene a nominating committee and appoint a chairperson of that committee as needed to coordinate the process for all appointments to the council as outlined in Article II, Section 2 and annually put forth a slate of officers as identified in Article II Sections 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3. The Council Chairperson may ask for nominations from the floor to bring forth nominations in addition to the slate of officers brought forth by the nominating committee. The nominating committee shall make recommendations to the council regarding nominations and appointments prior to the September council meeting and have such other duties as assigned by the council.
- c. The nominating committee of the council, with support of bureau staff, will publicize upcoming vacancies, ensuring that publicity

includes interested and underrepresented groups, including alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse agencies, alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse stakeholder groups, consumers, and providers. Publicity materials will clearly state that council appointments are made by the governor. Materials will also state that the governor normally considers the council's recommendations in making council appointments.

- d. While any person may apply directly to the governor according to the procedures of that office, all applicants will be asked to provide application materials to the council as well. Bureau staff will make contact with the office of the governor as necessary to keep the committee informed regarding applicants, including those that may have failed to inform the committee of their application.
- e. Applicants shall provide a letter of interest or cover letter, along with a resume and any other materials requested by the office of the governor. The nominating committee, in consultation with department staff, may request additional materials. The nominating committee, with support of bureau staff, will collect application materials from nominees, including nominees applying directly to the governor. The nominating committee or staff will acknowledge each application, advising the applicant regarding any missing materials requested by the nominating committee. The nominating committee or staff will review each application to ensure that all required nomination papers have been completed.
- f. The nominating committee may establish questions to identify barriers to attendance and other factors related to ability to perform the function of a member of the state council on alcohol and other drug abuse and to identify any accommodations necessary to overcome potential barriers to full participation by applicants. The nominating committee may interview applicants or designate members and/or staff to call applicants. Each applicant shall be asked the standard questions established by the committee.
- g. The nominating committee shall report to the full council regarding its review of application materials and interviews. The report shall include the full roster of applicants as well as the committee's recommendations for appointment.
- h. The council shall promptly act upon the report of the nominating committee. Council action shall be in the form of its recommendation to the governor. Department staff shall convey the council's recommendation to the office of the governor.

2.10 Removal from Office

The Governor may remove appointed members from the council. The council may recommend removal but the Governor makes the final decision regarding removal.

Section 3. Officers

3.1 Chairperson

The chairperson is the presiding officer and is responsible for carrying out the council's business including that motions passed be acted upon in an orderly and expeditious manner and assuring that the rights of the members are recognized. The chairperson may appoint a designee to preside at a meeting if the vice-chairperson is unable to preside in their absence. The chairperson is also responsible for organizing the work of the council through its committee structure, scheduling council meetings and setting the agenda. The chairperson may serve as an ex-officio member of each council committee. The chairperson shall represent the positions of the council before the legislature, governor and other public and private organizations, unless such responsibilities are specifically delegated to others by the council or chairperson. The agenda is the responsibility of the chairperson, who may consult with the executive committee or other council members as necessary.

3.2 Vice-Chairperson

The vice-chairperson shall preside in the absence of the chairperson and shall automatically succeed to the chair should it become vacant through resignation or removal of the chairperson until a new chairperson is elected. The vice-chairperson shall also serve as the council representative on the governor's committee for people with disabilities (GCPD). If unable to attend GCPD meetings, the vice-chairperson's designee shall represent the council.

3.3 Secretary

The secretary is a member of the executive Committee as per Article IV, Section 5. The secretary is also responsible for carrying out the functions related to attendance requirements as per Article III, Section 6.

3.4 Past Chairperson

The immediate past chairperson shall serve as a member of the council until expiration of their appointed term, and may serve as an ex-officio

member during the term of her or his successor if the term of office as member of the council has expired.

3.5 Vacancies

In the event a vacancy occurs among the Officers (Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, or Secretary) of the State Council on Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse, the following procedure should be followed: In the event of a vacancy of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson assumes the responsibility of Chairperson until such time as new Officers are elected according to the procedures outlined in the By-Laws. In the event of a vacancy of the Vice-Chairperson, the Secretary assumes the responsibility of the Vice-Chairperson until such time as new Officers are elected according to the procedures outlined in the By-Laws. In the event of a vacancy of the Secretary, the Chairperson shall appoint a replacement from the statutory membership until such time as new Officers are elected according to the procedures outlined in the By-Laws.

ARTICLE III

Council Meetings

Section 1. Council Year

The council year shall begin at the same time as the state fiscal year, July 1.

Section 2. Meetings

2.1 Regular and special meetings

Regular meetings shall be held at least four times per year at dates and times to be determined by the council. Special meetings may be called by the chairperson or shall be called by the chairperson upon the written request of three members of the council.

2.3 Notice of meetings

The council chairperson shall give a minimum of seven days written notice for all council meetings. An agenda shall accompany all meeting notices. Public notice shall be given in advance of all meetings as required by Wisconsin's Open Meetings Law. If a meeting date is changed, sufficient notice shall be given to the public.

2.3 Quorum

A simple majority (51%) of the membership qualified to vote shall constitute a quorum to transact business.

Section 3. Public Participation

Consistent with the Wisconsin Open Meetings law, meetings are open and accessible to the public.

Section 4. Conduct of Meetings

- 4.1** Meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the latest revision of Robert's Rules of Order, unless they are contrary to council by-laws or federal or state statutes, policies or procedures.

Section 5. Agendas

- 5.1** Agendas shall include approval of minutes from prior meetings, any action items recommended by a committee, an opportunity for public comment, and other appropriate matters.
- 5.2** Requests for items to be included on the agenda shall be submitted to the chairperson two weeks prior to the meeting.

Section 6. Attendance Requirements

- 6.1** All council members are expected to attend all meetings of the council. Attendance means presence in the room for more than half of the meeting.
- 6.2** Council members who are sick, hospitalized or who have some other important reason for not attending should notify the secretary or the secretary's designee at least a week before the meeting. If that is not possible, notice should be given as soon as possible.
- 6.3** Any member of the council who has two unexcused absences from meetings within any twelve month period will be contacted by the secretary of the council to discuss the reasons for absence and whether the member will be able to continue serving. Appointed members who do not believe that they can continue should tender their resignation in writing to the secretary of the council. Any resignations will be announced to the council and forwarded to the appointing authority.
- 6.4** At any time the secretary of the council, after consultation with the appointed member, believes that a member will not be able to fulfill the duties of membership, he or she should bring the matter to the chairperson. When the chairperson confirms that recommendation, he or she shall place the matter on the next council agenda. The

chairperson shall ensure that the member at issue is given notice that the council will consider a recommendation to the appointing authority regarding the membership. When the council, after the member at issue is given the opportunity to be heard, agrees with the recommendation, it shall recommend to the appointing authority that the member be removed from the council and a replacement appointed to fulfill the member's term.

- 6.5** If a statutory member or their designee are absent from two meetings within a year, they will be contacted by the secretary of the council to discuss the reasons for absence and whether the member will be able to continue serving. In the event that a statutory member believes they are unable to continue, the secretary of the council shall inform the council chairperson and upon confirmation the chairperson will provide written notice to the governor of the need for an alternate or replacement.

Section 7. Staff Services

The division of mental health and substance abuse services shall provide staff services. Staff services shall include: record of attendance and prepare minutes of meetings; prepare draft agendas; arrange meeting rooms; prepare correspondence for signature of the chairperson; offer information and assistance to council committees; analyze pending legislation and current policy and program issues; prepare special reports, and other materials pertinent to council business.

Section 8. Reimbursement of Council and Committee Members

According to Section 15.09 of Wisconsin Statutes: Members of a council shall not be compensated for their services, but, except as otherwise provided in this subsection, members of councils created by statute shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties, such reimbursement in the case of an elective or appointive officer or employee of this state who represents an agency as a member of a council to be paid by the agency which pays his or her salary.

ARTICLE IV

Committees

Section 1. Committee Structure

- 1.1** There shall be an executive committee as provided below. The executive committee is a standing committee of the council.

1.2 The council may establish other standing committees and subcommittees as necessary or convenient to conduct its business. Of the standing committees established by the state council on alcohol and other drug abuse, at least one shall have a focus on issues related to the prevention of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse, at least one shall have a focus on issues related to cultural diversity, at least one shall have a focus on issues related to the intervention and treatment of alcohol, tobacco and other drug abuse, and at least one shall have a focus on issues related to the planning and funding of alcohol and other drug abuse services. Subcommittees are a subset of a standing committee. Subcommittees are standing committees, which by another name is a permanent committee. Standing committees meet on a regular or irregular basis dependent upon their enabling act, and retain any power or oversight claims originally given them until subsequent official actions of the council (changes to law or by-laws) disbands the committee. Of the standing subcommittees established by the state council on alcohol and other drug abuse, at least one shall have a focus on children youth and families and is a subcommittee of the intervention and treatment committee, at least one shall have a focus on the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) for deaf, deafblind and hard of hearing and is a subcommittee of the cultural diversity committee, at least one shall have a focus on cultural competency and is a subcommittee of the cultural diversity committee, and at least one shall have a focus on epidemiology and is a subcommittee of the prevention committee.

Ad-hoc committees are established to accomplish a particular task and are to be temporary, with the charge being well-defined and linked to SCAODA's strategic plan, not to exceed duration of twelve calendar months. Ad-hoc committees are formed by standing committee chairs. Ad-hoc committees must report their progress at the meeting of their standing committee. Ad-hoc committees can be granted extensions by the standing committee chair.

It is the intent of this section that:

- There should be periodic review of the structure and progress of the work of the committees, subcommittees and ad-hoc committees.
- If the officers have concerns about the work of the standing committees, subcommittees or ad-hoc committees, they could convene an executive committee meeting to discuss options, "for the good of the order."
- The intent of this group is to recommend that ad-hoc committees be time-limited (recommend one year) and the committee chair determines if the work should go forward beyond the original charge.

- The charge should be well-defined and linked to SCAODA's strategic plan.
- The committee chairs should be primarily responsible for creating and disbanding ad-hoc groups.
- The committee chairs should be responsible for monitoring the work and duration of the work in coordination with SCAODA.

1.3 Committees may determine their own schedules subject to direction from the full council.

Section 2. Composition of Committees

2.1 Council committees may include members of the public as well as council members.

2.2 The council chairperson may appoint a chairperson who must be a member of the council, for each committee. The council chairperson, with the advice of the committee chairperson may appoint other committee members.

2.3 Committees may designate subcommittees including ad hoc committees, as necessary or convenient subject to limitation by the full council.

2.4 A council member shall not chair more than one committee.

2.5 A committee chairperson's term shall not exceed the length of their appointment or four years whichever comes first. With the majority vote of the council, a chairperson may be reappointed.

Section 3. Requirements for all Committees

3.1 A motion or resolution creating a committee shall designate the mission and duties of the committee. The council may also specify considerations for the chairperson to follow in appointing committee chairpersons and members and such other matters as appropriate.

3.2 All committee members are expected to attend all meetings of the committee. Attendance means presence in the room for more than half of the meeting.

3.3 Any committee may authorize participation by telephone conference or similar medium that allows for simultaneous communication between members as permitted by law.

3.4 Committee members who are sick, hospitalized or who have some other important reason for not attending should notify the chairperson

or the chairperson's designee at least a week before the meeting. If that is not possible, notice should be given as soon as possible.

- 3.5 Any committee member who has two unexcused absences within a twelve month period will be contacted by the committee chairperson to discuss the reasons for absence and whether the member will be able to continue serving. Members who do not believe that they can continue should tender their resignation in writing to the committee chairperson. Any resignations will be announced to the council chairperson and to the committee.
- 3.6 The committee chairperson may remove committee members, other than executive committee members, after notice of proposed removal to and an opportunity to be heard by the member consistently with this process.

Section 4. Requirements for Committee Chairpersons

The chairperson of each committee is responsible for:

- a. Ensuring that the by-laws and every applicable directive of the council are followed by the committee as indicated in Chapters 15.09, 14.017 and 14.24 of Wisconsin Statutes;
- b. Ensuring that recommendations of the committee are conveyed to the full council;
- c. Submitting meeting minutes in the approved format to the council; and
- d. Coordinating work with other committees where items could be of mutual interest.

Section 5. Executive Committee

- 5.1 The executive committee shall be comprised of at least three members, including the council chairperson, vice-chairperson and secretary. The immediate past chairperson of the council may also be invited by the council chairperson to be a member of the executive committee.
- 5.2 The executive committee will have the following responsibilities:
 - a. Provide policy direction to and periodically evaluate the performance of the council and its activities relating to direction from the division of mental health and substance abuse services.
 - b. Meet at the request of the chairperson as needed;

- c. Provide for an annual review of the by-laws;
- d. Act on behalf of the council when a rapid response is required, provided that any such action is reported to the council at its next meeting for discussion and ratification; and
- e. Other duties designated by the council.

5.3 Rapid Response

The executive committee may act on behalf of the full council only under the following circumstances:

- a. When specifically authorized by the council;
- b. When action is needed to implement a position already taken by the council;
- c. Except when limited by the council, the executive committee may act upon the recommendation of a committee, other than the executive committee, if such action is necessary before a council meeting may reasonably be convened, provided that if more than one committee has made differing recommendations concerning the subject, the executive committee may not act except to request further study of the subject; or
- d. Except when limited by the council, the executive committee, by unanimous consent, may take such other action as it deems necessary before a council meeting may reasonably be convened.

ARTICLE V

Amendments

The by-laws may be amended, or new by-laws adopted, after thirty days written notice to council members by a two-thirds vote of the full council membership present at a regularly scheduled meeting.