

NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** A new section is added to 2003 1st sp.s. c 25 (uncodified) to read as follows:

FOR THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR--JOINT TASK FORCE ON MENTAL HEALTH	
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General Fund--State Appropriation (FY 2005)	\$50,000
General Fund--Federal Appropriation	\$30,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATION	\$80,000

The appropriations in this section are subject to the following conditions and limitations:

(1) The appropriations are provided solely for a joint legislative and executive task force on mental health services delivery and financing. The joint task force shall consist of eight members, as follows: The secretary of the department of social and health services or his or her designee; the president of the Washington state association of counties or his or her designee; a representative from the governor's office; two members of the senate appointed by the president of the senate, one of whom shall be a member of the majority caucus and one of whom shall be a member of the minority caucus; two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, one of whom shall be a member of the majority caucus and one of whom shall be a member of the minority caucus; and the chair of the joint legislative audit and review committee or his or her designee. Staff support for the joint task force shall be provided by the office of financial management, the house of representatives office of program research, and senate committee services.

(2) The joint task force may create advisory committees to assist the joint task force in its work.

(3) Joint task force members may be reimbursed for travel expenses as authorized under RCW 43.03.050 and 43.03.060 and chapter 44.04 RCW, as appropriate. Advisory committee members, if appointed, shall not receive compensation or reimbursement for travel or expenses.

(4) The joint task force shall assess and make

recommendations related to:

(a) Progress made by the department of social and health services and the regional support networks (i) towards implementation of a performance-based measurement system that focuses on outcomes for consumers served by the mental health system, and (ii) to reduce duplicative and burdensome administrative and oversight requirements;

(b) The funding requirements for mental health services for nonmedicaid consumers for the priority populations under chapter 71.24 RCW;

(c) The extent to which the current funding distribution methodology achieves equity in funding and access to services for mental health services consumers;

(d) The administrative structure of the community mental health system as it relates to effectively meeting the goals established in statute;

(e) The most effective and efficient mental health funding and payment models (including capitated managed care), in light of requirements of the federal balanced budget act of 1997 related to state medicaid managed care contracting; and

(f) The types, numbers, and locations of inpatient psychiatric hospital and community residential beds in both the private and public sector.

(5) The joint task force shall report its initial findings and recommendations to the governor and appropriate committees of the legislature by January 1, 2005, and its final findings and recommendations by June 30, 2005.