

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1989 SESSION

CHAPTER 536
HOUSE BILL 340

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION OF AREA MENTAL HEALTH,
MENTAL RETARDATION, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICES BOARDS
FOR THE PURPOSE OF INCREASING CONSUMER AND FAMILY
PARTICIPATION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 122C-118(e) reads as rewritten:

"(e) The area board shall include:

- (1) At least one county commissioner from each county in the area except that in a single-county area authority the board of commissioners may instead appoint any resident of the county;
- (2) At least two physicians licensed under Chapter 90 of the General Statutes to practice medicine in North Carolina and when possible, one of these physicians should be certified as having completed a residency in psychiatry;
- (3) At least one professional representative from the fields either of psychology, social work, nursing, or religion;
- (4) At least one individual ~~each~~ each, either a primary consumer or an individual from a citizens' organization, representing the interests of ~~or from citizens' organizations representing the interests of individuals~~ with:
 - a. Mental illness; and
 - b. Mental ~~retardation~~; retardation.
 - e. Alcoholism; and
 - d. Drug abuse;
- (4.1) At least one primary consumer each presently in recovery and representing the interests of individuals with:
 - a. Alcoholism; and
 - b. Drug abuse.
- (5) At least one ~~representative from local hospitals or area planning organizations; and~~ family consumer each representing the interest of individuals with:
 - a. Mental illness;
 - b. Mental retardation;
 - c. Alcoholism; and
 - d. Drug abuse.

(6) At least one attorney licensed to practice in North Carolina."

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989, provided however, appointments of board members in newly designated categories shall be made as vacancies normally occur.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 30th day of June, 1989.