

From VA Connecticut Healthcare System Policy 00-122:

POLICY:

This Mental Health Community Advisory Board will convene to provide ongoing consultation to the Mental Health Council regarding the functioning of mental health treatment programs at VA Connecticut Healthcare System. The Board will assist the Mental Health Council in identifying mental health treatment needs and the resources necessary to establish programs designed to meet new clinical demands.

RESPONSIBILITY:

The Mental Health Community Advisory Board is responsible for informing the Chairperson, Mental Health Council, in writing, of all Board recommendations. Written responses to the Mental Health Community Advisory Board's recommendations will be made in a timely manner.

PROCEDURE:

A. Meetings will be held once per month, or more frequently as requested by the Advisory Board co-chairs. The Mental Health Council may request that the co-chairs consider more frequent meetings as well. Guests may be invited to specific meetings to help the committee in its work. The committee membership consists of the following:

1. Co-chairs: Two Veterans nominated by the board membership appointed by the Mental Health and Behavioral Service Line Manager.
2. Nine Veterans from the community appointed by the Mental Health Community Advisory Board co-chairs.
3. At least three Veteran's advocates nominated by the board membership of Mental Health Community Advisory Board and approved by the co-chairs.
4. Mental Health Service Line Manager (ex officio non-voting member).
5. Chief, PTSD Program (ex officio non-voting member) or designate.
6. Chief, Psychiatric Community Care & Rehabilitative Services (ex officio non-voting member)