

## ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE

## FIRST SESSION

## LEGISLATIVE RESOLUTION 136

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PURPOSE: The purpose of this interim study is to examine the public psychiatric rehabilitation in secure settings that is available to chronically and severely impaired mentally ill persons residing in Nebraska. The study shall include, but not be limited to:

(1) An examination of existing inpatient and community-based Intensive Psychiatric Recovery and Rehabilitation (IPRR) services in the wake of the closing of the Community Transition Program / Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program (CTP/PRP) in building 14 at the Lincoln Regional Center (LRC);

(2) The impact of closing the CTP/PRP on the quality of inpatient services for individuals previously served by that program, and the impact the closing will have on community-based programs;

(3) The therapeutic goals for this highly-defined patient population at LRC and at existing community-based programs;

(4) A determination of the nature and capacity of community-based IPRR services, whether all IPRR services are research-based, whether the services support the recovery-based philosophy versus stabilization, and whether those services are offered in compliance with Best Practices, as developed by the

Academic Support Workgroup of the Behavioral Health Reform Project, published by the Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services; and

(5) An evaluation of current service definitions, standards, and regulations of the Department of Health and Human Services as they relate to inpatient psychiatric rehabilitation.

The study will seek to involve various interested parties and organizations, including, but not limited to: (1) The Division of Behavioral Health of the Department of Health and Human Services; (2) mental health providers to the regions; (3) the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Department of Psychology; (4) the University of Nebraska Medical Center Department of Psychiatry; (5) consumer and family groups; and (6) any other interested parties or organizations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MEMBERS OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE OF NEBRASKA, FIRST SESSION:

1. That the Health and Human Services Committee of the Legislature shall be designated to conduct an interim study to carry out the purposes of this resolution.

2. That the committee shall upon the conclusion of its study make a report of its findings, together with its recommendations, to the Legislative Council or Legislature.