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LCO No. 4007

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING COLLABORATIVE TREATMENT PLANS FOR PERSONS WITH PSYCHIATRIC DISABILITIES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17a-542 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2005*):

3 (a) Every patient treated in any facility for treatment of persons with
4 psychiatric disabilities shall receive humane and dignified treatment at
5 all times, with full respect for [his personal] the patient's dignity and
6 right to privacy. Any patient may designate any person to serve as a
7 patient advocate to participate in any decision regarding the treatment
8 of the patient in such facility, except a decision made in response to an
9 emergency that constitutes a direct threat to the patient.

10 (b) Each patient shall be treated in accordance with a specialized
11 recovery-oriented treatment plan suited to [his] the patient's disorder.
12 Such treatment plan shall: [include]

13 (1) To the extent practicable, (A) be prepared through the
14 participation of the patient, the counselor or staff person with primary

15 responsibility for documenting and monitoring the treatment plan, any
16 family member whose participation is consented to by the patient, the
17 patient advocate, the patient's legal representative and any other
18 health care provider participating in the patient's treatment at the
19 facility, and (B) be signed by the patient; and

20 (2) Include a discharge plan which shall include, but not be limited
21 to, [(1)] (A) reasonable notice to the patient of [his] the patient's
22 impending discharge, [(2)] (B) active participation by the patient in
23 planning for [his] the patient's discharge, and [(3)] (C) planning for
24 appropriate aftercare to the patient upon [his] the patient's discharge.

25 (c) If a patient is an adult with a conservator or is a minor child, the
26 provisions of this section shall apply to the conservator or to the
27 guardian of the child.

28 (d) The Commissioner of Public Health shall adopt regulations, in
29 accordance with the provisions of chapter 54, for purposes of this
30 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	October 1, 2005	17a-542

Statement of Purpose:

To amend the Patients' Rights law to require that a recovery-oriented treatment plan, developed in collaboration with the patient and others participating in the patient's treatment and recovery, be prepared for each person with a psychiatric disability being treated in a facility.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]