

42 C.F.R. § 51.23

Advisory council.

(a) Each P&A system shall establish an advisory council to:

- (1) Provide independent advice and recommendations to the system.
- (2) Work jointly with the governing authority in the development of policies and priorities.
- (3) Submit a section of the system's annual report as required under § 51.8.

(b) Members of the council shall include attorneys, mental health professionals, individuals from the public who are knowledgeable about mental illness, the advocacy needs of persons with mental illness and have demonstrated a substantial commitment to improving mental health services, a provider of mental health services, individuals who have received or are receiving mental health services and family members of such individuals. Continuing efforts shall be made to include members of racial and ethnic minority groups on the advisory council.

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