

1 AN ACT relating to mental health services.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 210 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 *As used in Sections 1 to 4 of this Act:*

6 *(1) "Cabinet" means Cabinet for Health and Family Services;*

7 *(2) "Community mental health centers" or "certified community behavioral health*
8 *centers" means facilities as defined under Section 1913(c) of the Public Health*
9 *Service Act;*

10 *(3) "Crisis hotline center" means a state-identified center participating in the*
11 *National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network to respond to statewide or regional*
12 *9-8-8 calls;*

13 *(4) "Crisis receiving and stabilization unit" means facilities providing short-term*
14 *crisis receiving and stabilization services;*

15 *(5) "Crisis receiving and stabilization services" means short-term services such as*
16 *diagnosis, initial management, observation, crisis stabilization, and follow-up*
17 *referral services provided to persons in a home-like environment;*

18 *(6) "Mobile crisis teams" means behavioral health professionals and peers that*
19 *provide professional onsite community-based intervention for individuals*
20 *experiencing a behavioral health crisis;*

21 *(7) "National suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline" or "9-8-8 hotline"*
22 *means the universal telephone number for the national suicide prevention and*
23 *mental health crisis hotline system;*

24 *(8) "National Suicide Prevention Lifeline" or "NSPL" means the national program*
25 *that operates the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline*
26 *system and is maintained by the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and*
27 *Substance Use under 42 U.S.C. sec. 290bb-36c and the Secretary of Veterans*

1 *Affairs under 38 U.S.C. sec. 1720F(j);*

2 *(9) "Peers" means individuals employed on the basis of their personal lived*
 3 *experience of mental illness or addiction and recovery;*

4 *(10) "SAMHSA" means the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services*
 5 *Administration; and*

6 *(11) "Veterans crisis line" means the veterans crisis line maintained by the Secretary*
 7 *of Veterans Affairs under section 38 U.S.C. 1720F(h).*

8 ➔SECTION 2. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 210 IS CREATED TO
 9 READ AS FOLLOWS:

10 *The cabinet shall establish a crisis hotline center to provide crisis intervention services*
 11 *and crisis care coordination to individuals accessing the 9-8-8 hotline from any*
 12 *jurisdiction in Kentucky twenty-four hours (24) a day and seven (7) days a week.*

13 *(1) The crisis hotline center shall:*

14 *(a) Have an active agreement with the administrator of the NSPL for*
 15 *participation within the network;*

16 *(b) Meet NSPL requirements and best practices guidelines for operational and*
 17 *clinical standards;*

18 *(c) Provide data to NSPL;*

19 *(d) Report and participate in evaluations and related quality improvement*
 20 *activities;*

21 *(e) Utilize technology, including chat and text, that is interoperable across*
 22 *emergency response systems used throughout Kentucky;*

23 *(f) Deploy crisis and outgoing services, including mobile crisis teams, and*
 24 *coordinate access to crisis receiving and stabilization services or other local*
 25 *resources as appropriate and according to guidelines and best practices*
 26 *established by the NSPL by maintaining standing partnership agreements*
 27 *with community mental health centers and certified community behavioral*

- 1 health centers;
- 2 (g) Coordinate access to crisis receiving and stabilization services for
- 3 individuals accessing the 9-8-8 hotline through appropriate information
- 4 sharing regarding availability of services;
- 5 (h) Meet the requirements set forth by NSPL for serving high risk and
- 6 specialized populations as identified by the SAMHSA, including training
- 7 requirements and policies for transferring such callers to an appropriate
- 8 specialized center for subnetworks within or external to the NSPL network;
- 9 and
- 10 (i) Provide follow-up services to individuals accessing the 9-8-8 hotline
- 11 consistent with guidance and policies established by the NSPL;
- 12 (2) The cabinet, having primary oversight of suicide prevention and crisis service
- 13 activities and essential coordination with designated 9-8-8 hotline centers, shall
- 14 work in concert with the NSPL and the veterans crisis line networks for the
- 15 purpose of ensuring consistency of public messaging about 9-8-8 services; and
- 16 (3) An annual report of the 9-8-8 hotline's usage and the services provided shall be
- 17 made to the General Assembly and SAMHSA.

18 ➔SECTION 3. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 210 IS CREATED TO

19 READ AS FOLLOWS:

20 The cabinet shall create mobile crisis teams that:

- 21 (1) Are jurisdiction-based behavioral health teams including licensed behavioral
- 22 health professionals and peers or behavioral health teams embedded in the
- 23 emergency medical agencies;
- 24 (2) Collaborate with local law enforcement agencies and include law enforcement as
- 25 co-responders with behavioral health teams, including licensed behavioral health
- 26 professionals, law enforcement, and peers;
- 27 (3) Partner with community members, including people with lived experience

1 utilizing crisis services;

2 (4) Employ personnel who reflect the demographics of the community served; and

3 (5) Collect customer service data from individuals served by demographic
4 requirements, including race and ethnicity.

5 ➔SECTION 4. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 210 IS CREATED TO
6 READ AS FOLLOWS:

7 The cabinet shall promulgate administrative regulations for certification of crisis
8 receiving and stabilization units. The cabinet shall:

9 (1) Allow all hospitals to establish and operate a crisis stabilization unit;

10 (2) Prohibit an entity from operating as a crisis stabilization unit without having a
11 certification issued by the cabinet;

12 (3) Establish minimum standards for certification;

13 (4) Require an application for certification to be submitted to the cabinet;

14 (5) Require a preadmission screening unit to be available on a twenty-four (24) hour
15 basis to provide crisis receiving and stabilization services; and

16 (6) Deny an application for certification that does not meet the standards and
17 requirements set forth by the cabinet.