

30:6F-2. Definitions relative to traumatic brain injury

2. As used in this act:

"Council" means the New Jersey Advisory Council on Traumatic Brain Injury established pursuant to section 3 of this act; and

"Fund" means the Traumatic Brain Injury Fund established pursuant to section 5 of this act.

L.2001,c.332,s.2.

30:6F-3 New Jersey Advisory Council on Traumatic Brain Injury

3. a. There is established in the Department of Human Services the New Jersey Advisory Council on Traumatic Brain Injury.

b. The council shall be composed of 26 members as follows: the Commissioners of Human Services, Education, Health and Senior Services, Community Affairs, Labor and Banking and Insurance, the Attorney General and the State Treasurer, or their designees, who shall serve ex officio and 18 public members, who shall be appointed by the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. Of the public members, eight shall be survivors of traumatic brain injury or the family members of these persons and at least five shall be representatives of the following groups: public or private health-related organizations, disability advisory or planning groups within the State, the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey, injury control programs at the State or local level, and the Center for Health Statistics in the Department of Health and Senior Services for data research purposes.

c. Public members shall serve for a term of three years from the date of their appointment and until their successors are appointed and qualified; except that of the members first appointed, six shall serve for a term of one year, six shall serve for a term of two years and six shall serve for a term of three years. Vacancies shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointments were made. A member of the council shall be eligible for reappointment.

d. The public members who are serving on the New Jersey Advisory Council on Traumatic Brain Injury established by Executive Order No. 84 of 1998, on the effective date of this act may complete the duration of their term as members of the council established pursuant to this act and are eligible for appointment to the council established pursuant to this act.

e. The members of the council shall meet quarterly and the Commissioner of Human Services, or his designee, shall serve as chair of the council.

f. The members of the council shall serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for necessary and reasonable expenses actually incurred in the performance of their duties, within the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the council for this purpose.

L.2001,c.332,s.3.

30:6F-4. Duties of council

4. The council shall:

a. Advise and make recommendations to the Department of Human Services and other related State agencies on ways to improve and develop services regarding traumatic brain injury, including the coordination of these services between public and private entities;

b. Encourage citizen participation through the establishment of public hearings and other types of community outreach and prevention activities;

c. Encourage and stimulate research, public awareness, education and prevention activities;

d. Oversee any programs created under the federal law, Pub. L.104-166, known as the Traumatic Brain Injury Act, and any successive amendments to that act, and report to the federal government regarding these programs; and

e. Advise the Commissioner of Human Services on the administration of the Traumatic Brain Injury Fund established pursuant to section 5 of this act.

L.2001,c.332,s.4.