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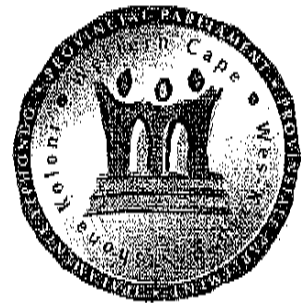
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FINAL MANDATE OF THE WESTERN CAPE ON THE PREVENTION OF AND
TREATMENT FOR SUBSTANCE ABUSE BILL [B12B-2008]

Final Mandate of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament on the *Prevention of and Treatment for Substance Abuse Bill* [B 12B-2008] (NCOP) as resolved by the Standing Committee on Social Development on 16 October 2008.

The Western Cape Provincial Parliament having considered the subject of the *Prevention of and Treatment for Substance Abuse Bill* [B 12B-2008] (NCOP) referred to the Provincial Parliament in terms of the rules of the National Council of Provinces (NCOP), begs to report that it confers on the Western Cape's delegation in the NCOP the authority to support the Bill with the following recommendations:

Chapter 1

Page 5: Addition to the definition of abuse to read " abuse means the sustained or sporadic excessive use of substances resulting in a service user suffering from a chronic, relapsing brain disease and includes any use of illicit substances and the unlawful use of substances"

Page 5: Addition to the definition of Half way house to read" half way house means a public or private half way house or any residential facility that has been established or registered to provide a sober living environment for service users who have completed a formal treatment programme for substance abuse and require a protected living environment in order to prepare them for reintegration into society"

Page 6: Addition to definition of mental health practitioner to read " Mental health practitioner, for the purposes of this Act, means a psychiatrist or registered medical practitioner or a nurse, occupational therapist, psychologist, social worker or addiction counsellor who has been trained to provide psycho-social, mental



health care, treatment and rehabilitation services and who are regulated by a national regulatory body

Page 6: Addition to definition of service user to read " means a person who is abusing, dependant on or addicted to substances and who, following assessment, receives services in a treatment centre, half-way house or community based service

Page 7: Definition of training is needed such as " training accredited by an appropriate national accreditation body or as stipulated within the various health profession specific training curriculum "

Page 7: Addition to definition of vulnerable persons to read " vulnerable persons includes children, youth, older persons, people with disabilities, parents, family and service users recovering from substance abuse"

Page 7: Addition to definition of treatment centre to read "treatment centre means a registered public or private facility that offers intensive treatment and rehabilitation to service users who abuse, are dependant or addicted to substances, including correctional facilities"

Page 2 – 36 Definitions should be consistently used throughout the bill

Chapter 6

Page 13 Title name of Chapter 6 to be changed to read "Centre based in and outpatient treatment services"

Page 13 A clause must be inserted regarding the need for separate centre based inpatient treatment facilities for children under the age of 18 years and for adults over the age of 18 years. Where both adults and children are accommodated in one treatment centre such a centre must have clear separate facilities to cater for the needs of children under the age of 18 years

Page 15 21. (3) Addition made to read " The Director General may – grant the application for registration and issue a registration certificate for a period of 5 years with compliance to regulations evaluated annually"

Chapter 8

- Page 30 57. (2) Addition to clause to read
" (f) non governmental organisations
(g) Organisations involved with the Youth
(h) any other structure considered relevant by the MEC "
- Page 31 58. (b) Addition to clause to read" encourage networking ,
coordination of services and the effective flow of information
between members of the forum in question"
- Page 31 60. (2) Addition to the clause to read " the Local drug action
committee must consist of interested persons and stakeholders
who are involved in organisations dealing with the combating of
substance abuse including representatives of the local youth
forums in the municipality in question"
- Page 32 60. (5) Addition to the clause to read " The provincial coordinator
from the Department of Social Development must assist in the
development and establishment of these structures"



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