



Sunset Review of the Forensic Mental Health Coordinating Council (UCA 62A-15-605)

STATE OF UTAH
DIVISION OF INTEGRATED HEALTH
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To: Health and Human Services Interim Committee
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Subject: UCA 62A-15-605: Forensic Mental Health Coordinating Council

Is/Did the statute/program accomplish[ing] its objective?

Yes, the Forensic Mental Health Coordinating Council accomplished its statutory purpose outlined in UCA 62A-15-605(3). Statute requires the Forensic Mental Health Coordinating Council, in consultation with the Utah Substance Abuse and Mental Health Advisory Council (USA AV) found in UCA 63M-7-301, to study the long term need of adult forensic and civil beds at the Utah State Hospital and provide a report to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee before November 30th of each year. This report has been completed annually and the final report will be given to the Health and Human Services Interim Committee by November 30, 2022.

Is the statute/program necessary? Does it need to continue? If so, for how long? (Up to 10 years)

No. The Forensic Mental Health Coordinating Council approved a Council motion that their work be integrated under USA AV. Beginning June 1, 2022, there will be a standing agenda item on the USA AV Council agenda to address Forensic Mental Health issues. USA AV is considering adding a voting member to UCA 63M-7-301 that would represent the Utah State Hospital. With the Forensic Mental Health Coordinating Council choosing to integrate with USA AV, the Council feels they no longer need to continue.

Are there ways to improve the statute/program?

No, with the responsibility of the Forensic Mental Health Coordinating Council moving to

USAAV, the Forensic Mental Health Coordinating Council should be allowed to sunset.