1	FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH COORDINATING
2	COUNCIL
3	2002 GENERAL SESSION
4	STATE OF UTAH
5	Sponsor: Karen Hale
6	This act amends the Human Services Code. The act changes the name of the Mental Health
7	and Corrections Advisory Coordinating Council. The act modifies the composition of the
8	council and expands the purposes of the council. The act moves certain existing provisions
9	into a new section. The act makes technical changes.
10	This act affects sections of Utah Code Annotated 1953 as follows:
11	AMENDS:
12	62A-12-204.5, as last amended by Chapter 256, Laws of Utah 2000
13	62A-12-209, as last amended by Chapter 234, Laws of Utah 1996
14	77-16a-204, as last amended by Chapter 256, Laws of Utah 2000
15	ENACTS:
16	62A-12-204.6, Utah Code Annotated 1953
17	Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:
18	Section 1. Section 62A-12-204.5 is amended to read:
19	62A-12-204.5. Forensic Mental Health Coordinating Council Establishment and
20	purpose.
21	(1) There is established the Forensic Mental Health [and Corrections Advisory]
22	Coordinating Council composed of the following members:
23	(a) the director or [his] the director's appointee;
24	(b) the superintendent of the state hospital or [his] the superintendent's appointee;
25	(c) the executive director of the Department of Corrections[,] or [his] <u>the executive</u>
26	director's appointee;
27	(d) a member of the Board of Pardons and Parole or its appointee;



28	(e) the attorney general[;] or [his] the attorney general's appointee;
29	(f) the director of the Division of Services for People with Disabilities[,] or [his] the
30	director's appointee;
31	(g) the director of the Division of Youth Corrections or the director's appointee;
32	(h) the director of the Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice or the director's
33	appointee;
34	(i) the state court administrator or the administrator's appointee;
35	(j) the state juvenile court administrator or the administrator's appointee;
36	[(g)] (k) a representative from a local mental health authority or an organization, excluding
37	the state hospital that provides mental health services under contract with the Division of Mental
38	Health or a local mental health authority, as appointed by the director of the division; [and]
39	(1) the executive director of the Governor's Council for People with Disabilities or the
40	director's appointee; and
41	[(h)] (m) other persons as appointed by the members described in Subsections (1)(a)
42	through [(h)] <u>(l)</u> .
43	(2) (a) (i) Members who are not government employees shall receive no compensation or
44	benefits for their services, but may receive per diem and expenses incurred in the performance of
45	the member's official duties at the rates established by the Division of Finance under Sections
46	63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
47	(ii) Members may decline to receive per diem and expenses for their service.
48	(b) (i) State government officer and employee members who do not receive salary, per
49	diem, or expenses from their agency for their service may receive per diem and expenses incurred
50	in the performance of their official duties from the council at the rates established by the Division
51	of Finance under Sections 63A-3-106 and 63A-3-107.
52	(ii) State government officer and employee members may decline to receive per diem and
53	expenses for their service.
54	(3) The purpose of the Forensic Mental Health [and Corrections Advisory] Coordinating
55	Council is to:
56	(a) advise the director regarding admissions to the state hospital of persons in the custody
57	of the Department of Corrections;
58	(b) develop policies for coordination between the division and the Department of

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59	Corrections; [and]
60	(c) advise the executive director of the Department of Corrections regarding issues of care
61	for persons in the custody of the Department of Corrections who are mentally ill[-];
62	(d) promote communication between and coordination among all agencies dealing with
63	persons with mental retardation, as defined in Section 62A-5-101, or mental illness who become
64	involved in the civil commitment system or in the criminal or juvenile justice system;
65	(e) study, evaluate, and recommend changes to laws and procedures relating to persons
66	with mental retardation or mental illness who become involved in the civil commitment system
67	or in the criminal or juvenile justice system;
68	(f) identify and promote the implementation of specific policies and programs to deal fairly
69	and efficiently with persons with mental retardation or mental illness who become involved in the
70	civil commitment system or in the criminal or juvenile justice system; and
71	(g) promote judicial education relating to persons with mental retardation or mental illness
72	who become involved in the civil commitment system or in the criminal or juvenile justice system.
73	[(4) The executive director of the Department of Corrections may request the director to
74	admit a person who is in the custody of the Department of Corrections to the state hospital, if the
75	clinical director of mental health within the Department of Corrections finds that the inmate has
76	mentally deteriorated to the point that admission to the state hospital is necessary to ensure
77	adequate mental health treatment. In determining whether that inmate should be placed in the state
78	hospital, the director of the division shall consider:]
79	[(a) the mental health treatment needs of the inmate;]
80	[(b) the treatment programs available at the state hospital; and]
81	[(c) whether the inmate meets the requirements of Subsection 62A-12-209(2).]
82	[(5) If the director denies the admission of an inmate as requested by the clinical director
83	of mental health within the Department of Corrections, the Board of Pardons and Parole shall
84	determine whether the inmate will be admitted to the state hospital. The Board of Pardons and
85	Parole shall consider:]
86	[(a) the mental health treatment needs of the inmate;]
87	[(b) the treatment programs available at the state hospital; and]
88	[(c) whether the inmate meets the requirements of Subsection 62A-12-209(2).]
89	[(6) The state hospital shall receive any person in the custody of the Department of

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90 Corrections when ordered by either the director or the Board of Pardons and Parole, pursuant to 91 Subsection (5). Any person so transferred to the state hospital shall remain in the custody of the 92 Department of Corrections, and the state hospital shall act solely as the agent of the Department 93 of Corrections.] 94 [(7) Inmates transferred to the state hospital pursuant to this section shall be transferred 95 back to the Department of Corrections through negotiations between the director and the director 96 of the Department of Corrections. If agreement between the director and the director of the Department of Corrections cannot be reached, the Board of Pardons and Parole shall have final 97 98 authority in determining whether a person will be transferred back to the Department of 99 Corrections. In making that determination, that board shall consider:] 100 [(a) the mental health treatment needs of the inmate;] 101 [(b) the treatment programs available at the state hospital;] 102 [(c) whether the person continues to meet the requirements of Subsection 62A-12-209(2);] 103 [(d) the ability of the state hospital to provide adequate treatment to the person, as well as 104 safety and security to the public; and] 105 (e) whether, in the opinion of the director of the division, in consultation with the clinical 106 director of the state hospital, the person's treatment needs have been met.] 107 Section 2. Section 62A-12-204.6 is enacted to read: 108 62A-12-204.6. Admission of person in custody of Department of Corrections to state 109 hospital -- Retransfer of person to Department of Corrections. 110 (1) The executive director of the Department of Corrections may request the director to 111 admit a person who is in the custody of the Department of Corrections to the state hospital, if the clinical director within the Department of Corrections finds that the inmate has mentally 112 113 deteriorated to the point that admission to the state hospital is necessary to ensure adequate mental 114 health treatment. In determining whether that inmate should be placed in the state hospital, the 115 director of the division shall consider: 116 (a) the mental health treatment needs of the inmate; 117 (b) the treatment programs available at the state hospital; and 118 (c) whether the inmate meets the requirements of Subsection 62A-12-209(2). 119 (2) If the director denies the admission of an inmate as requested by the clinical director within the Department of Corrections, the Board of Pardons and Parole shall determine whether 120

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121	the inmate will be admitted to the state hospital. The Board of Pardons and Parole shall consider:
122	(a) the mental health treatment needs of the inmate;
123	(b) the treatment programs available at the state hospital; and
124	(c) whether the inmate meets the requirements of Subsection 62A-12-209(2).
125	(3) The state hospital shall receive any person in the custody of the Department of
126	Corrections when ordered by either the director or the Board of Pardons and Parole, pursuant to
127	Subsection (2). Any person so transferred to the state hospital shall remain in the custody of the
128	Department of Corrections, and the state hospital shall act solely as the agent of the Department
129	of Corrections.
130	(4) Inmates transferred to the state hospital pursuant to this section shall be transferred
131	back to the Department of Corrections through negotiations between the director and the director
132	of the Department of Corrections. If agreement between the director and the director of the
133	Department of Corrections cannot be reached, the Board of Pardons and Parole shall have final
134	authority in determining whether a person will be transferred back to the Department of
135	Corrections. In making that determination, that board shall consider:
136	(a) the mental health treatment needs of the inmate;
137	(b) the treatment programs available at the state hospital;
138	(c) whether the person continues to meet the requirements of Subsection 62A-12-209(2);
139	(d) the ability of the state hospital to provide adequate treatment to the person, as well as
140	safety and security to the public; and
141	(e) whether, in the opinion of the director, in consultation with the clinical director of the
142	state hospital, the person's treatment needs have been met.
143	Section 3. Section 62A-12-209 is amended to read:
144	62A-12-209. Objectives of state hospital and other facilities Persons who may be
145	admitted to state hospital.
146	(1) The objectives of the state hospital and other mental health facilities shall be to care
147	for all persons within this state who are subject to the provisions of this chapter; and to furnish
148	them with the proper attendance, medical treatment, seclusion, rest, restraint, amusement,
149	occupation, and support that is conducive to their physical and mental well-being.
150	(2) Only the following persons may be admitted to the state hospital:
151	(a) persons 18 years of age and older who meet the criteria necessary for commitment

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152 under this part and who have severe mental disorders for whom no appropriate, less restrictive 153 treatment alternative is available; 154 (b) persons under 18 years of age who meet the criteria necessary for commitment under Part 2A and for whom no less restrictive alternative is available; 155 156 (c) persons adjudicated and found to be guilty and mentally ill under Title 77, Chapter 16a, 157 Commitment and Treatment of Mentally Ill Persons; 158 (d) persons adjudicated and found to be not guilty by reason of insanity who are under a 159 subsequent commitment order because they are mentally ill and a danger to themselves or others, 160 under Section 77-16a-302; 161 (e) persons found incompetent to proceed under Section 77-15-6; 162 (f) persons who require an examination under Title 77; and 163 (g) persons in the custody of the Department of Corrections, admitted in accordance with 164 Section [62A-12-204.5] 62A-12-204.6, giving priority to those persons with severe mental 165 disorders. 166 Section 4. Section 77-16a-204 is amended to read: 77-16a-204. UDC acceptance of transfer of guilty and mentally ill persons --167 Retransfer from UDC to department for admission to the Utah State Hospital. 168 169 (1) The UDC medical administrator shall designate a transfer team of at least three 170 qualified staff members, including at least one licensed psychiatrist, to evaluate the 171 recommendation made by the department's review team pursuant to Section 77-16a-203. If the 172 offender is mentally retarded, the transfer team shall include at least one person who has expertise 173 in testing and diagnosis of mentally retarded individuals. 174 (2) The transfer team shall concur in the recommendation if it determines that UDC can 175 provide the mentally ill offender with adequate mental health treatment. 176 (3) The UDC transfer team and medical administrator shall recommend the facility in 177 which the offender should be placed and the treatment to be provided in order for his mental 178 condition to remain stabilized to the director of the Division of Institutional Operations, within the 179 Department of Corrections. 180 (4) In the event that the department and UDC do not agree on the transfer of a mentally 181 ill offender, the administrator of the mental health facility where the offender is located shall notify 182 the mental health adviser for the board, in writing, of the dispute. The mental health adviser shall

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be provided with copies of all reports and recommendations. The board's mental health adviser
shall make a recommendation to the board on the transfer and the board shall issue its decision
within 30 days.

(5) UDC shall notify the board whenever a mentally ill offender is transferred from thedepartment to UDC.

(6) When a mentally ill offender sentenced under Section 77-16a-202, who has been
transferred from the department to UDC, and accepted by UDC, is evaluated and it is determined
that the offender's mental condition has deteriorated or that the offender has become mentally
unstable, the offender may be readmitted to the Utah State Hospital in accordance with the findings
and procedures described in [Subsections 62A-12-204.5(4) through (6)] Section 62A-12-204.6.
(7) Any person readmitted to the Utah State Hospital pursuant to Subsection (6) shall

remain in the custody of UDC, and the state hospital shall act solely as the agent of UDC.

(8) A mentally ill offender who has been readmitted to the Utah State Hospital pursuant
to Subsection (6) shall be transferred back to UDC in accordance with the provisions of Section
77-16a-203.

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