

1                   **MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS INTERVENTION COUNCIL**

2                                   2021 GENERAL SESSION

3                                   STATE OF UTAH

4                   **Chief Sponsor: Daniel W. Thatcher**

5                                   House Sponsor: Angela Romero

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7   **LONG TITLE**

8   **Committee Note:**

9                   The Government Operations Interim Committee recommended this bill.

10                   Legislative Vote: 12 voting for 1 voting against 3 absent

11   **General Description:**

12                   This bill creates the Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council to establish protocols  
13 and standards for the training and functioning of local mental health crisis intervention  
14 teams.

15   **Highlighted Provisions:**

16                   This bill:

- 17                   ▶ defines terms;
- 18                   ▶ creates the Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council;
- 19                   ▶ addresses the council's membership, meetings, compensation, and staff;
- 20                   ▶ describes the duties of the council, including developing a program providing for:
  - 21                   • training, and developing protocols and standards, for local mental health crisis
  - 22 intervention teams; and
  - 23                   • implementation and oversight of crisis intervention teams on a local and
  - 24 statewide basis;
- 25                   ▶ requires the council to present the program and recommendations relating to the
- 26 program to the Government Operations Interim Committee and other organizations;
- 27                   ▶ provides for training grants as funding becomes available; and



28           ▶ repeals the council after the council's duties are completed.

29 **Money Appropriated in this Bill:**

30           None

31 **Other Special Clauses:**

32           None

33 **Utah Code Sections Affected:**

34 AMENDS:

35           **63I-2-262**, as last amended by Laws of Utah 2020, Chapter 212

36 ENACTS:

37           **62A-15-1901**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

38           **62A-15-1902**, Utah Code Annotated 1953

39           **62A-15-1903**, Utah Code Annotated 1953



41 *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:*

42           Section 1. Section **62A-15-1901** is enacted to read:

43                           **Part 19. Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council**

44                   **62A-15-1901. Definitions.**

45                   As used in this part:

46                   (1) "Council" means the Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council created in Section  
47 [62A-15-1902](#).

48                   (2) "Crisis intervention team" means a local mental health crisis intervention team  
49 created to provide services to individuals, and the families of individuals, experiencing a  
50 behavioral health or psychiatric emergency.

51                   (3) "Mental health catchment area" means a county or group of counties governed by a  
52 local mental health authority.

53           Section 2. Section **62A-15-1902** is enacted to read:

54                   **62A-15-1902. Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council -- Creation --**

55 **Membership -- Meetings -- Compensation -- Staff.**

56                   (1) There is created, within the division, the Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council.

57                   (2) The council comprises the following members:

58                   (a) the director or the director's designee;

59 (b) two members representing statewide mental health advocacy organizations,  
 60 appointed by the director;

61 (c) an individual who has experienced mental illness, appointed by the director;

62 (d) a family member of an individual who has experienced mental illness, appointed by  
 63 the director;

64 (e) a representative of an urban local mental health authority, appointed by the director;

65 (f) a representative of a rural local mental health authority, appointed by the director;

66 (g) a representative of the Utah Chiefs of Police Association from an urban area,  
 67 appointed by the director based upon a recommendation from the association;

68 (h) a representative of the Utah Chiefs of Police Association from a rural area,  
 69 appointed by the director based upon a recommendation from the association;

70 (i) a representative of the Utah Sheriffs' Association from an urban area, appointed by  
 71 the director based upon a recommendation from the association;

72 (j) a representative of the Utah Sheriffs' Association from a rural area, appointed by the  
 73 director based upon a recommendation from the association;

74 (k) ~~H→ [the executive director] commissioner ←H~~ of the Department of Public Safety or  
 74a the ~~H→ [executive director's] commissioner's ←H~~  
 75 designee;

76 (l) the executive director of the Department of Corrections or the executive director's  
 77 designee; and

78 (m) other individuals, appointed by the director, with knowledge and experience that  
 79 would be useful to the council.

80 (3) (a) If a vacancy occurs on the council, the director shall appoint a replacement  
 81 member.

82 (b) The director may remove a member for cause, including failure to regularly attend  
 83 meetings.

84 (4) (a) The council shall meet when a meeting is called by the director, the chair, or  
 85 upon a request of a majority of the council members.

86 (b) A majority of the council members appointed constitutes a quorum and a two-thirds  
 87 majority of a quorum present constitutes action of the council.

88 (c) The council shall appoint a chair from among the council's members upon a  
 89 two-thirds majority vote of a quorum.

90 (5) A member of the council may not receive compensation or benefits for the  
91 member's service, but may receive per diem and travel expenses in accordance with:  
92 (a) Section 63A-3-106;  
93 (b) Section 63A-3-107; and  
94 (c) rules made by the Division of Finance in accordance with Sections 63A-3-106 and  
95 63A-3-107.

96 (6) The division shall provide staff support to the council.

97 Section 3. Section 62A-15-1903 is enacted to read:

98 **62A-15-1903. Council duties -- Training grants.**

99 (1) The council shall develop a program to:

- 100 (a) train crisis intervention teams throughout the state; and
- 101 (b) establish standards for crisis intervention teams, including coordination within and  
102 between teams.

103 (2) The program shall:

- 104 (a) include required curriculum and required practice standards based on best practices  
105 for crisis intervention;

106 (b) establish standards for completion of initial crisis intervention team training and  
107 annual continuing education training, including:

- 108 (i) at least 40 hours of initial training; and
- 109 (ii) successful completion of an approved exam;
- 110 (c) prioritize crisis intervention efforts by collaborating with law enforcement and  
111 statewide mental health advocacy efforts;

112 (d) take into consideration local training needs; and

113 (e) establish mental health and law enforcement coordinator roles and responsibilities  
114 for implementation and oversight of crisis intervention teams on a statewide basis, and in each  
115 mental health catchment area, that utilizes input and representation from:

116 (i) for statewide implementation and oversight:

117 (A) individuals who have experienced mental illness; and

118 (B) statewide mental health advocates; and

119 (ii) for implementation and oversight in a mental health catchment area:

120 (A) individuals who reside within the mental health catchment area and have

121 experienced mental illness; and  
122 (B) mental health advocates within the mental health catchment area.  
123 (3) The council shall:  
124 (a) before July 1, 2022, develop and present the program, in writing, to the director;  
125 (b) before August 1, 2022, present the program, and other recommendations related to  
126 the duties of the council, for review and input to:  
127 (i) the Government Operations Interim Committee;  
128 (ii) the Utah Chiefs of Police Association, the Utah Sheriffs' Association, the  
129 Department of Public Safety, the Department of Corrections, and the Utah Association of  
130 Counties;  
131 (iii) the Utah Substance Use and Mental Health Advisory Council, created in Section  
132 63M-7-301; and  
133 (iv) the Behavioral Health Crisis Response Commission, created in Section  
134 63C-18-202; and  
135 (c) before December 1, 2022, submit the plan in final form to the Government  
136 Operations Interim Committee for consideration as a potential committee bill, which may  
137 include a grant of administrative rulemaking authority as appropriate.  
138 (4) The division shall, as funding becomes available, provide training grants to crisis  
139 intervention teams.

140 Section 4. Section **63I-2-262** is amended to read:  
141 **63I-2-262. Repeal dates -- Title 62A.**  
142 (1) Subsection **62A-5-103.1(6)** is repealed January 1, 2023.  
143 (2) Section **62A-5-111** is repealed January 1, 2021.  
144 (3) Title 62A, Chapter 15, Part 19, Mental Health Crisis Intervention Council, is  
145 repealed January 1, 2023.