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Overview

This bill adds a representative from the Mental Health Consumer/Survivor Network of Minnesota to the membership of the state advisory council on mental health. It also requires the council to report to the legislature, in addition to the executive branch, on its activities.

- 1 State advisory council on mental health.** Amends § 245.697. Modifies the membership of the state advisory council on mental health and the council's reporting requirements.
 - Subd. 1. Creation.** Adds a representative of the Mental Health Consumer/Survivor Network of Minnesota to the membership of the state advisory council on mental health. Corrects the names of two other advocacy groups with members on the council, to reflect the current names of the organizations. Adds family physicians to the list of other members to be appointed to the council.
 - Subd. 2. Duties.** Requires the council to advise the legislature about (1) policies, programs, and services affecting people with mental illness; and (2) the development of innovative ways to provide and pay for services for people with mental illness. (Under current law, the council only reports on these issues to the governor and the heads of state departments and agencies.)
 - Subd. 3. Reports.** Requires the council to report periodically to the legislature on the activities of the council; also requires a formal report to the legislature by November 15 of each even-numbered year.