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1 (3) The St. Clair County Judge of Probate.

2 (c) By the twentieth of each month following the
3 collection of the fee, the proceeds of the fee shall be
4 disbursed by the judge of probate to the St. Clair County
5 Commission. The fees collected under this section shall be
6 expensed as the St. Clair County Mental Health Advisory Board
7 directs and shall be expended for crisis intervention
8 services, which may include, but are expressly not limited to,
9 any of the following:

10 (1) A mental health officer, who shall be an
11 employee of the Sheriff of St. Clair County and appointed by
12 the St. Clair County Mental Health Advisory Board to serve at
13 the board's pleasure and under the day to day direction of the
14 judge of probate of St. Clair County. The duties, education,
15 qualifications, training, and experience requirements of the
16 position shall be set by the advisory board. All necessary
17 equipment, supplies, and training, including an appropriately
18 equipped vehicle, shall also be provided as determined by the
19 advisory board. The advisory board may appoint assistant
20 mental health officers and support staff as the advisory board
21 may deem necessary. The assistant mental health officers and
22 support staff shall be employees of St. Clair County. The
23 advisory board shall set the salary or compensation for the
24 mental health officer and assistant mental health officers, if
25 any. The advisory board may also set performance standards and
26 take personnel actions as may be necessary, up to and

1 including termination of the mental health officer duties and
2 responsibilities associated therewith.

3 (2) Admissions at a certified psychiatric inpatient
4 unit, which shall be directed or approved by the judge of
5 probate, the mental health officer, or an assistant mental
6 health officer and shall be based upon available funds as
7 determined by the St. Clair County Mental Health Advisory
8 Board.

9 (3) Crisis intervention, which shall be provided
10 through programs of the advisory board or otherwise shall
11 include, but not be limited to, salaries, equipment, and other
12 expenses related to mental health related services and
13 treatment.

14 (4) Contracting with other entities for services
15 that would otherwise be provided by the mental health officer
16 or assistant mental health officers. The St. Clair County
17 Mental Health Advisory Board may purchase other necessary
18 services or pay necessary expenses, including, but not limited
19 to, the obtaining of liability insurance for the advisory
20 board, its members, and its employees, if any.

21 Section 2. No later than November 1 of each calendar
22 year, the advisory board shall submit to the St. Clair County
23 Commission a written report of all income received under this
24 act and the itemized expenditures of the income so received
25 for the preceding fiscal year.

26 Section 3. The St. Clair County Mental Health
27 Advisory Board, board members, Mental Health Officer, and

1 ~~assistant mental health officers shall be granted immunity~~
2 ~~from liability, except for intentional wrongful and wanton~~
3 ~~acts.~~ assistant mental health officers shall enjoy the same
4 immunity afforded to them pursuant to the Constitution of
5 Alabama of 1901, or those immunities provided under Section
6 36-1-12, Code of Alabama 1975.

7 Section 4. The St. Clair County Mental Health
8 Advisory Board shall oversee the implementation of the mental
9 health officer crisis intervention procedures.

10 Section 5. The St. Clair County Mental Health
11 Advisory Board shall give notice of employment positions and
12 hire any employment positions the board deems necessary to
13 effectuate the intent of this act, including mental health
14 officers, assistant mental health officers, and support staff
15 in accordance with the posting and hiring policies utilized by
16 the St. Clair County Sheriff's Office.

17 Section 6. The St. Clair County Mental Health
18 Advisory Board shall provide additional specialized training
19 related to crisis intervention, mental health center
20 operations, and the evaluation of persons suspected to be
21 mentally ill to the mental health officer, and assistant
22 mental health officers, if any.

23 Section 7. This act shall become effective on the
24 first day of the third month following its passage and
25 approval by the Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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