

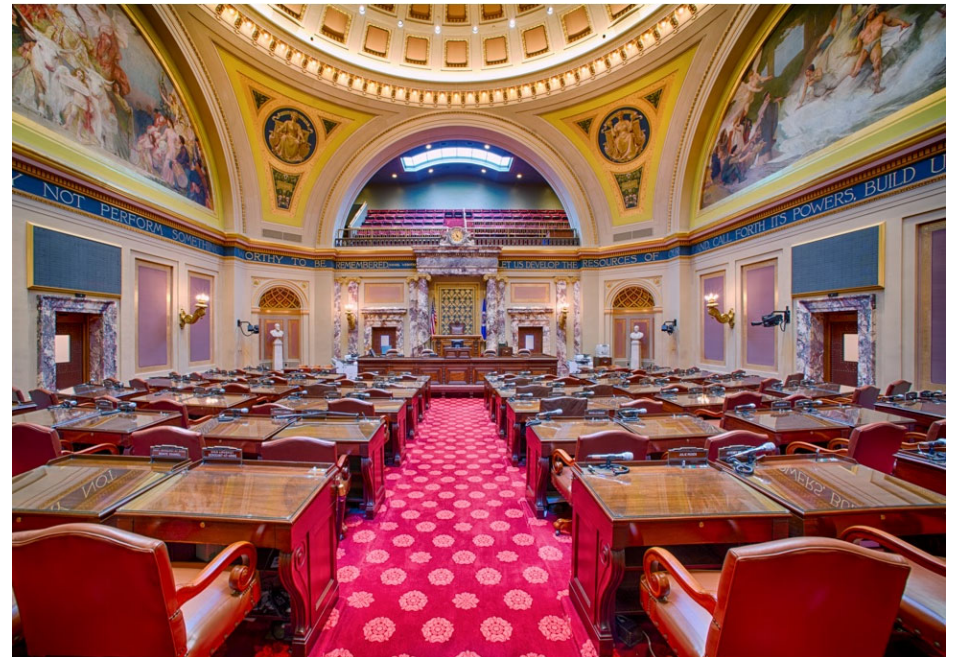


DCT Legislative History and Timeline

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2023 Legislation – Chapter 61

- The Legislature officially approves separating DCT from the Department of Human Services
- The Legislature creates the Department of Direct Care and Treatment, effective Jan. 1, 2025
- Initial proposal was that DCT would be led by a five-member Executive Board
- Working with the Revisor of Statutes, DCT prepares legislation to reflect changes in the law
- Minn. Ch. 246C provides authority for DCT as a separate agency and defines role and responsibilities



2024 Legislation – Chapter 79

Direct Care and Treatment - Ch. 245, 246, 246C, 251

- Operations of Treatment Centers
- Requirements of biennial estimates of appropriations
- Acceptance of Services
- Duties

Financial Responsibility & Admin. Judges - Ch. 256, 256G

- Administrative Hearings
- Social Services programs administered.
- County of financial responsibility
- Reimbursement

Services for MI, SUD and Dev. Disabled-Ch. 252, 253, 254

- Location of services
- Commitment proceedings

Civil Commitments-246B, 253B, 253D

- Commitments of MI, MI&D, SSA, SPP
- Special Review Board



2024 Legislation – Chapter 125

Clean-up of Ch. 79

- Correct Department of DCT to DCT
- Repeal certain section no longer needed
- Update sections addressed in Ch. 79 with new legislative initiatives in 2024

New legislation for DCT/DHS

- Creation of Taks Force and Review Panels
- Requirements for closures
- Ch. 246C is amended
- Engagement services

Creation of Direct Care and Treatment

- Effective Date July 1, 2024
- Board membership (from 5 to 9)
- Board powers and duties and effective dates
- CEO powers and duties
- Advisory Committee



DCT Executive Board Makeup

Seven Voting Members

- 1 psychiatrist
- 1 commissioner of Human Services
- 2 members with experience on a hospital or nonprofit board
- 3 members with background in traditional healing, behavioral health services, care coordination, health care professional, health care administration, or residential services

Voting members may not be current DCT or county employees, members of the Legislature, or staff or members of labor unions representing DCT. One voting member must come from Greater Minnesota.

Two Non-Voting Members

- 1 appointed by the Association of Minnesota Counties
- 1 appointed by labor unions that represent DCT employees



DCT Executive Board Responsibilities

- Approve strategic direction and monitor performance
- Approve mission, vision, and strategic plan and direction
- Oversee care and management of patients and clients
- Ensure clinical quality, patient safety and customer service excellence
- Ensure financial viability over operating and capital budgets
- Oversee contracts
- Build strong and appropriate relationships with stakeholders
- Ensure quality of medical staff
- Update the Legislature on operations, budget, goals and accomplishments
- Delegate day-to-day operations to chief executive officer

DCT Executive Board Advisory Committee

Members to include

- Four legislators, two from the House, two from the Senate
- One member from the Association of Minnesota Counties
- One union representative
- One member from the National Alliance on Mental Illness-MN
- Two members with lived experience being served by DCT

The Advisory Committee must be appointed by Jan. 1, 2026, and hold its first meeting by Jan. 15, 2026.

The DCT Executive Board shall regularly consult the Advisory Committee until the committee expires on Dec. 31, 2027.



Questions

