SCDC and SCDMH - Statutory Mandates¹

SCDMH Statutory Obligations

Statewide system to treat, care for, reduce, and prevent mental illness – providing care regardless of inability to pay

Administer federal funds allotted to the state under the National Mental Health Act

Jurisdiction over all:

- State's psychiatric hospitals and community mental health centers
- State's treatment facility for substance use disorders
- SNF for State Veterans & General Nursing Home
- Evaluation and Treatment for forensic patients
- SVPTP

44-9-10, et. al.

SCDC Statutory Obligations

Proper care, treatment, and management of prisoners

Do not charge inmate copay for psychological or mental health visits

Jurisdiction over all:

State prisons

24-1-10, et. al. and 2018-19 Proviso 65.8

¹ S.C. House of Representatives, House Legislative Oversight Committee, "SCDC/SCDMH Joint Presentation – Mental Health (September 16, 2019)," under "Committee Postings and Reports," under "House Legislative Oversight Committee," under "Corrections, Department of," and under "Meetings," https://scstatehouse.gov/CommitteeInfo/HouseLegislativeOversightCommittee/AgencyWebpages/Corrections/SCDC-SCDMH%20Joint%20Presentation%20-%20Mental%20Health%20(9.16.19).pdf (accessed October 10, 2019), slide 3. Hereinafter "SCDC/SCDMH Presentation."