

RCW 71.05.520 Protection of rights—Staff. The authority as the state's behavioral health authority, the department of social and health services in its operation of the state hospitals, and the department of health in exercising its function of licensing and certification of behavioral health providers and facilities shall have the responsibility to determine whether all rights of individuals recognized and guaranteed by the provisions of this chapter and the Constitutions of the state of Washington and the United States are in fact protected and effectively secured. To this end, each agency shall assign appropriate staff who shall from time to time as may be necessary have authority to examine records, inspect facilities, attend proceedings, and do whatever is necessary to monitor, evaluate, and assure adherence to such rights. Such persons shall also recommend such additional safeguards or procedures as may be appropriate to secure individual rights set forth in this chapter and as guaranteed by the state and federal Constitutions. [2018 c 201 s 3023; 1973 1st ex.s. c 142 s 57.]

Findings—Intent—Effective date—2018 c 201: See notes following RCW 41.05.018.