§ 8406. State board for mental health practitioners. A state board for mental health practitioners shall be appointed by the board of regents on the recommendation of the commissioner for the purpose of assisting the board of regents and the department on matters of licensing and regulation. The board shall be composed of at least three licensed members from each profession licensed pursuant to this article and at least three public representatives who do not hold interests in the organization, financing, or delivery of mental health services. Additionally, the board shall contain one physician who shall be a psychiatrist. Members of the first board need not be licensed prior to their appointment to the board. The terms of the first appointed members shall be staggered so that five are appointed for three years, five are appointed for four years, and six are appointed for five years. An executive secretary to the board shall be appointed by the board of regents on recommendation of the commissioner.