

## 12.2 Terminology Used in this Chapter

“Client” is “an individual who is admitted to and receiving service from, or who in the past had been admitted to and received services from, a facility.” N.C. GEN. STAT. § 122C-3(6) (hereinafter G.S.).

“Client advocate” is “a person whose role is to monitor the protection of client rights or to act as an individual advocate on behalf of a particular client in a facility.” G.S. 122C-3(7).

“Human rights committees” are “responsible for protecting the rights of clients . . . at each State facility, for each local management entity, and provider agency.” G.S. 122C-64.B.

“Qualified professional” is the “individual with appropriate training or experience as specified by the General Statutes or by rule of the Commission in the fields of mental health or developmental disabilities or substance abuse treatment or habilitation, including physicians, psychologists, psychological associates, educators, social workers, registered nurses, certified fee-based practicing pastoral counselors, and certified counselors.” G.S. 122C-3(31).