

Emergency Mental Health Procedures Stakeholders Meeting
2/22/21

Goals:

- Address recommendations from Mental Health Advisory Board for service standards and regulations (27-65-131)
 - Defining Involuntary Transportation Hold (M.05)
 - Exploring which professionals can initiate an involuntary hold
 - Address training results for professionals (law enforcement, licensed clinicians, etc.)
- Address issues presented by consumers and consumer advocates for 27-65
 - Inconsistencies with M1 hold procedure, evaluations, and implementation
 - Clarifying patient rights at each phase of mental health services received

Process:

- Meetings held 2nd and 4th Mondays each month thru Nov. in preparation for 2022 session
- OBH will lead discussions regarding recommendations from Mental Health Board
- Will be hosting a variety of presentations from stakeholders law enforcement, hospital representatives, consumers

Timeline:

- Transportation hold (March)
- Intervening Professional (April)
- Patient rights during emergency procedure (May)
- Patient rights cont./ Designation and inconsistencies in implementation (June)

Questions:

- Can we include EMS presentations? – yes
- Do we have Police Department representations? – Sheriffs Association and FOP has been contacted
- Will SUD be addressed in this conversation? – focusing on mental health statutes, there will be overlap
- Will treatment capacity be addressed? – Will be included in conversation, safety net services and high intensity services discussion, hospitals will discuss barriers
- Can we find ways to include EMS? – will look into having presentation or at least including them in conversation
- Education for the public about MH being an illness, terminology, etc.

Overview of 27-65 The Care of Persons with Mental Health Disorders (The Hold and Treat Process)

- Defines and establishes how mental health services are provided
- Provides for services to the needs of the person
- Provides individual rights protection
- Brief history
 - 1879 – CO opens first state hospital in Pueblo
 - 1957 – CO establishes first meaningful standards for commitment
 - 1959 – CO first mental health center Fort Logan
 - 1974 – current mental health laws enacted
 - MH care will be suited to need of person
 - Only when less restrictive
 - Most recent changes 2017, mental health hold law change

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- Legislative Declaration 27 – 65 – 101
 - 1974 laws enacted, built around hope, resiliency, and reentry
- OBH role
 - Develop and enforce rules for services covered under 27
 - Designate facilities
 - Monitor facilities
 - Create and update a legal forms
- Voluntary vs. Involuntary treatment
 - 27-65 is a protection of persons rights especially when being treated under involuntary
- Voluntary
 - Any person can reach out a seek MH services – across the lifespan
 - Covers consent as well (age 15)
 - Q: what is basis for 72 hours?
 - How it's always been, consistent nationally
 - Doesn't include weekends and holidays
- Involuntary
 - Covered in statute – M-Forms used for involuntary procedures
 - Emergency and non-emergency
 - M-1 are emergent
 - Court ordered evaluations M-3
 - Petition for evaluation screening, non-emergent M-4 (court ordered screening)
 - Types of Procedures
 - Transportation Hold
 - 72hr hold
 - Cert for short term treatment
 - Extension of short term treatment
 - Long term care and treatment
 - An evaluation must take place within 72 hrs
 - A treatment designation is made regarding need of patient
 - Others covered in 27-65
 - Psych Medications
 - Involuntary Medication
 - Emergent/ non-emergent
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Questions:

- Will who can vacate a hold be discussed? – yes
- Data on number of M.5 is used? – next meeting, we'll have 2019 data
- Will we include judicial districts in conversation? - yes