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North Sound Behavioral Health Organization

Section 1700 – ICRS: Administration of the Involuntary Treatment Program

Authorizing Source: North Sound BHO contract, DMHP protocols, WAC 388-877-02,200 through 280,(except 230) ; RCW 71.05, 71.34, 10.77

Cancels:

See Also:

Provider must comply with this policy and may develop individualized implementation guidelines as needed

Approved by: Executive Director

Responsible Staff: Deputy Director

Signature:

Date: 12/23/2016

POLICY #1720.00

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION OF THE INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT PROGRAM

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure Involuntary Treatment Services are provided by Designated Mental Health Professionals (DMHPs) to evaluate an individual in crisis and determine if involuntary services are required.

POLICY

North Sound Behavioral Health Organization (North Sound BHO) or its member counties will designate DMHPs to perform the duties of involuntary investigation and detention in accordance with the requirements of RCW Chapters 71.05, 71.34, current Washington Administrative Codes (WAC), and current DMHP protocols (see website at: www.dshs.wa.gov/dbhr/mhcdmhp.shtml). This will be done in consultation between the Integrated Crisis Response Services (ICRS) Service Providers, the counties and North Sound BHO.

RCW 71.05 provides for persons suffering from mental disorders to be involuntarily committed for treatment and sets forth that procedures and services be integrated with RCW Chapter 71.24.

RCW 71.34 establishes mental health services for minors, protects minors against needless hospitalization, enables treatment decisions to be made with sound professional judgment and ensures minors' parents/guardians are given an opportunity to participate in treatment decisions

PROCEDURE

Definitions

DMHP means a Mental Health Professional (MHP) designated by the county or other authority authorized in rule to perform the duties specified in these chapters.

"Detention" or **"Detain"** means the lawful confinement of a person, under the provisions of these chapters.

1. North Sound BHO will have agreements in place with ICRS Service Providers, Snohomish, Skagit, Island Whatcom and San Juan Counties to provide services in accordance with the designation noted above.
2. MHPs designated to perform these duties will have the necessary training required to perform these duties.
3. North Sound BHO will monitor this designation practice through the auditing process.

ATTACHMENTS

None