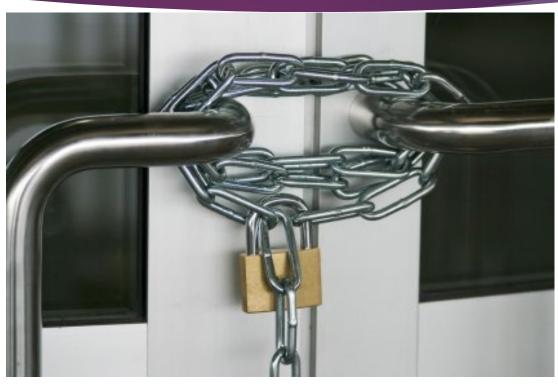
# Practical Aspects of the Regional Involuntary Admission Court Processes and Denial of Rights Process

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Attempting suicide/homicide



Causing bodily injury to himself or herself or others, including, without limitation, death, unconsciousness, extreme physical pain, protracted and obvious disfigurement or a protracted loss or impairment of a body part, organ or mental functioning



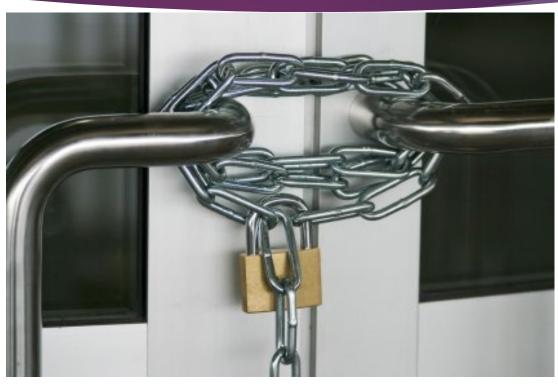
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## Filling Out the Form: Detail observed behaviors & Circumstances

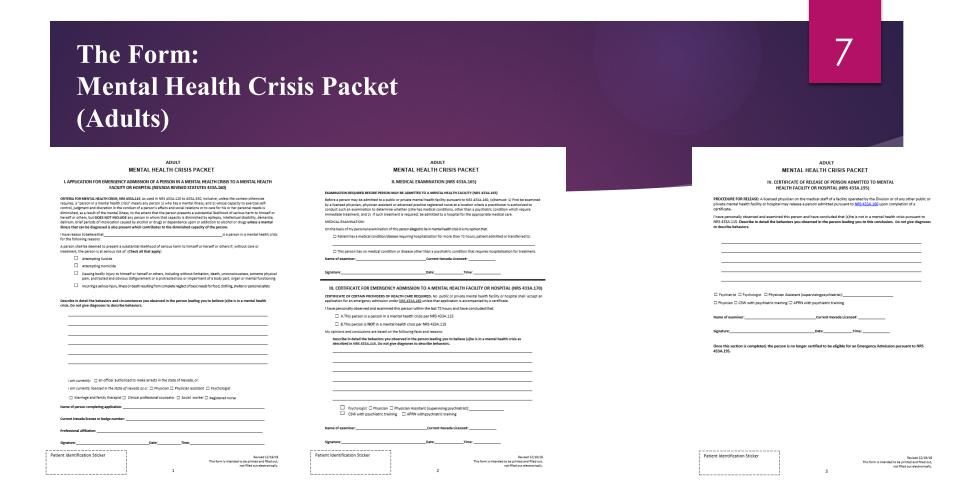
- ▶ What happened? This is the only place to explain why you think this individual should be on a hold.
- ► Not a diagnosis or conclusion
- "I have reason to believe..."

#### ADULT MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS PACKET

I. APPLICATION FOR EMERGENCY ADMISSION OF A PERSON IN A MENTAL HEALTH CRISIS TO A MENTAL HEALTH
FACILITY OR HOSPITAL (NEVADA REVISED STATUTES 433A.160)

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Where to find forms:

http://dpbh.nv.gov/uploadedFiles/dpbhnvgov/content/Resources/Mental-Health-Crisis-Hold-Packet-Adult-2020.pdf



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#### Youth Crisis Holds

- ▶ Parent/guardian consenting to treatment-no need to file petition
- ▶ Parent/guardian not participating-make CPS referral
- ▶ Both Washoe & Clark will dismiss petitions filed on minors

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### Well Drafted Hold Example

On January 10, 2020, at approximately 2100 hours observed & found subject above on State route 445 @ mile marker 38 approximately 5 miles North of any civilization). I ran subject above through Washoe County dispatch and they advised subject was missing & endangered through Reno Police Dept. Dispatch Advised subject suffers from schizophrenia and had history of making threats of "suicide by cop." Dispatch further advised he's Court ordered outreach treatment & required to take medication. Tries to confess to murders, says wants to be shot.

#### OF AN ALLEGEDLY MENTALLY ILL PERSON TO A MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY

#### Definition of Mental Illness NRS 433A.115

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A person presents a clear and present danger of harm to self or others, if, within the preceding 30 days, (s)he has, as a result of mental illness (c)heckall that apply):  [A] Acted in a manner from which it may reasonably be inferred that, without the care, supervision or continued assistance of others, (s)he will be unable to satisfy the need for nourishment, personal or medical care, shelter, self-protection or safety due to mental illness, and if the exists a reasonable probability that death, serious bodily injury or physical debilitation will occur within the next 30 days unless admitted to a mental health facility pursuant to the provisions of NRS. 433A.120 to 433A.330 inclusive, and adequate treatment is provided.  [B] Attempted or threatened to commit suicide or committed acts in furtherance of a threat to commit suicide and if there exists a reasonable probability that (s)he will commit suicide unless (s)he is admitted to a mental health facility pursuant to the provisions of NRS. 433A.120 to 433A.330 inclusive, and adequate treatment is provided; or  [C] Mutilitated self, attempted or threatened to mutiliste self or committed acts in furtherance of a threat to mutiliste self and, if there exists a reasonable probability that (s)he will mutiliste self unless (s)he is admitted to a mental health facility pursuant to the provisions of NRS 433A.120 to 433A.330, inclusive, and adequate treatment is provided.  [D] Inflicted or attempted to inflict serious bodily harm on any other person, or made threats to inflict harm and committed acts in furtherance of those threats, and if there exists a reasonable probability that (s)he will do so again unless (s)he is admitted to a mental health facility pursuant to the provisions of NRS 433A.120 to 433A.330, inclusive and adequate treatment is provided.  Describe in detail the behaviors you observed in the person leading you to believe (s)he will do so again unless (s)he is admitted to a mental health facility pursuant to the provisions of NRS 433A.120 to 433A.330,		I have reason to believe th	is a mentally ill person as follows.		
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## Not so Helpful legal hold example

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## 72 Hours

- Starts from the date/time on page 1
- Includes weekends and holidays
- Close of business day when 72 hours expires
  - Court not open-by the end of business the next day following the expiration of that period.



## IT'S BEEN 72 HOURS. NOW WHAT?

Releases patient (or patient chooses to stay voluntarily)

## OR

Petitions court for involuntary admission to a mental health facility (legal 2000 attached as an exhibit) NRS 433A.150

Petition begins a court case



### **COURT PROCESS**

- Sealed & confidential
  - ► Employment/background
    - ▶ Police & fire exception
- ► Hearing date must be within <u>6</u> judicial days of petition NRS NRS 433A.220

## PATIENT HAS RIGHT TO COUNSEL NRS 433A.270(1)

#### Appointed upon filing of the petition

• Public Defender

#### PD team speaks to every patient

• Patient can choose to decline but they need to be given an opportunity to meet with counsel

### Rule of Professional Conduct-Applicable

#### Rule 1.14. Client With Diminished Capacity.

(a) When a client's capacity to make adequately considered decisions in connection with a representation is diminished, whether because of minority, mental impairment or for some other reason, the lawyer shall, as far as reasonably possible, maintain a normal client-lawyer relationship with the client.



## THE COURT DOCTORS

Court shall cause 2 physicians or licensed psychologists, one of whom must always be a physician, to examine the person alleged to be in a mental health crisis (aka "the court doctors").

NRS 433A.240

## INFORMATION NEED BY THE COURT DOCTORS FOR EVALUATION

Patient Face Sheet Psychiatric Initial Evaluation

Mental Health Crisis Packet (Legal Hold)

Psychiatric Progress Notes

Physician Admit Note Psych RN and Psych Tech Notes

Physician Progress Notes Discharge Planning Records

Physician Discharge Summary MAR

Family Meeting Records RN Notes

All Consultation Records

Jail Records (if applicable)

Labs (must include: drug screen, blood alcohol and breathalyzer)

Imaging Reports (X-Rays, MRIs, and CTs)

Psychiatric Consultation Notes/Follow-Up Psychiatric Notes

### PATIENT DOES NOT MEET CRITERIA

#### **WASHOE**

- Recommendation for dismissal by court doctors
- Court issues dismissal order
- Patient does not have court hearing
- Patient released the next day
- No hospital/family challenge to decision

#### **CLARK**

- ► Court doctors see all patients
- Clark PD receives reports
- Notify each hospital of which patients meet/do not meet criteria
  - Hospitals will typically discharge the do not meet patients prior to the court hearing
  - ► Patient still at hospital at the time of court they will appear for court
- Court makes record of patient not meeting and asks the hospital if they plan on challenging
  - Hospital challenging provides information on why patient meets criteria
    - ▶ District attorney decides if they will call the court doctors with the information and see if that changes their opinion

### FRIEND/FAMILY INTERACTION

- Cases are confidential
- ► Cannot provide information to family/friends without permission from client
- Can provide basic process information



## INVOLUNTARY COURT ORDERED ADMISSION

- Court must find by clear and convincing evidence
  - ▶ Person is in a mental health crisis
  - Substantial likelihood of serious harm to self/others
  - ► Involuntary court-ordered admission is most appropriate
- Expires at the end of 6 months.
- Can be terminated earlier by the medical director of the public or private mental health facility



### **CLARK COUNTY SPECIFICS**

- ► Average 300 new petitions filed each month/0ver 15,000 hearings per year
- o PD receives all reports from the court doctors
- o Notify each hospital informing which patients meet/ do not meet criteria
- o Hospitals respond with contact information for each patient that meets criteria
- o Team- (attorney, law clerk, and social worker) contact patients who meet criteria
- o Hospitals typically discharge patients that do not meet criteria
- If treating doctor disagrees with the court doctors' findings, they can challenge by presenting evidence
- o Family/friend can attend in person or via phone if patient gives permission
- ► Case Management Order issued by court
- ▶ Hearing master, PD, DA, and court staff in courtroom; video to hospital
- ▶ Procedure for hearings if patient agrees to stay or if they want to discharge

### **Washoe County Specifics**

- ► Average 2,300 petitions per year
  - ► Largest docket in courthouse
- ► Hospital team talks with hospitalized patients weekly
- Court doctor interview by video
- ► Hearings by video (COVID)

## Central Registry Gun Rights NRS 433A.310

- Involuntary admission order becomes "final" after 30 days of hospitalization
- Within 5 business days after the order becomes final pursuant to this transmitted to the Department of Public Safety Central Repository for Nevada Records of Criminal History
- Both state and federal laws may prohibit someone who has had a psychiatric hospitalization from owning a firearm

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## Forced Medications

## FORCED MEDICATIONS DENIAL OF RIGHTS

The rights of a consumer enumerated in this chapter must not be denied except to protect the consumer's health and safety or to protect the health and safety of others, or both. NRS 433.534

## FORCED MEDICATIONS CLARK COUNTY

- ► Forced medication motions or follow the state board of health regulations
- The treating psychiatrist files the motion pro per and attaches the peer review and treatment plan as exhibits; patient and attorney must be served.
- ▶ The hearing is done in 2 parts- commitment and then forced meds
- ► Treating doctor or doctor who did the peer review is present to testify

## FORCED MEDICATIONS WASHOE COUNTY

- ▶ Hearing done in 2 parts the admission portion is first
- ► Hospital notifies the Public Defender the physician is requesting a forced medication/denial of rights hearing
- ▶ Psychiatrist needs to be present to testify as to the request



Questions

## WRAP UP/FINAL THOUGHTS