

Navigating an Emergency Detention Experience

Who is involved during an Emergency Detention and what is their role?

- Emergency Room: Their role is to complete the required medical clearance.
- Law Enforcement: Their role is to maintain a safe environment, authorize an emergency detention and then provide transportation to the locked inpatient unit.
- Mobile Crisis Screener from The Human Service Center: Their role is to complete a mental health assessment to help determine the need for involuntary treatment at a locked inpatient unit. They authorize an emergency detention and find placement.
- Inpatient Behavioral Health Unit: They are the receiving facility who will assess and treat the individual while they are under the court order.
- Corporation Counsel: Each county has a county attorney; their role is to represent the counties best interest in enforcing court ordered treatment. They complete the legal paperwork for the Chapter 51 process.
- Public Defender: Their role is to represent the individual on the court order and advocate on behalf of what the individual wants.
- The Human Service Center: Agency appointed by the court to monitor court orders.
 - Hospital Liaison at The Human Service Center: Their role is to work with the hospital and Corporation Counsel's office, as well as the family when appropriate, to coordinate discharge planning and after care.
 - Crisis Case Manager at The Human Service Center: Their role is to monitor the court order, complete an intake and a crisis plan. Communicate with providers and family members as needed to monitor compliance of court order and further treatment planning. In addition, they may make referrals for services.

Resources:

- www.namiwisconsin.org (search for Family and Consumer Resource Guide: Navigating the Experience)
- www.disabilityrightswi.org
- www.samhsa.gov
- www.wifamilyties.org
- www.dhs.wisconsin.gov
- www.treatmentadvocacycenter.org/browse-by-state/wisconsin

Who should family call to discuss their loved one's emergency detention/involuntary hospitalization?

Contact The Human Service Center at 715-369-2215. Ask to speak to the Hospital Liaison or the Emergency Services Coordinator or someone from the crisis team. Please be aware that we will need to obtain a release of information to communicate with you about your loved one's hospitalization, care, or further treatment and discharge planning. This is a legal requirement, so please understand that until we obtain this release we cannot disclose information to you. You do not need a release of information to share information with HSC or hospital staff, therefore if you have important information regarding the care of your loved one please share that information. You can also call the hospital where your loved one is receiving care. Ask to speak to the nurse/social worker. Please be aware that until your loved one signs a release of information allowing hospital staff to communicate with you, hospital staff will not be able to share information and may not be able to return your calls.