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Document Scope: (applies to Policy & Procedure only)

- The requirements herein apply only to the GCBH Central Office and its functions.
 - X - The requirements herein apply, verbatim, to GCBH and its network providers².
 - The requirements herein apply both to GCBH and its network providers². Additionally, network providers must have internal documents outlining their processes for implementing the requirements, insofar as they relate to actions for which network providers are responsible.
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PURPOSE: To assign responsibility for carrying out processes associated with detaining individuals for involuntary treatment.

POLICY

- A. Greater Columbia Behavioral Health (GCBH) Regional Support Network provides designated mental health professionals (DMHP's) for implementation of the Involuntary Treatment Act RCW 71.05, 71.34 and evaluation as required under RCW 10.77 Criminally Insane Act. These services include all the administrative functions required for the evaluation for involuntary detention or involuntary treatment of individuals in accordance with statutory requirements. This includes all evaluation and monitoring services, and costs related to court filing fees and transportation costs incurred when a consumer requests a jury trial,

PROCEDURE

1. GCBH RSN delegates responsibility for implementation of the Involuntary Treatment Act to its contracted network providers, and authorizes its providers to designate employees with specific responsibility for making the decision to detain individuals for involuntary treatment.
 - 1.1. Only individuals who qualify as Mental Health Professionals, per WAC 388-865-0150, and who have the skills necessary to perform the evaluation and decision-making processes associated with a detainment, are designated to perform these duties.
 - 1.2. Designation is in effect only for the period of time during which the Mental Health Professional's role requires them to perform the duties outlined in the statutes. Designation is terminated at the time of agency reassignment or termination of employment.
 - 1.3. Designation is rescinded by network providers under circumstance including but not limited to the following:
 - 1.3.1. Violation of employment policies of the contracting agency; or
 - 1.3.2. The inability to perform the duties of a DMHP.
2. Provider agencies ensure that DMHP's perform their duties in compliance with the Mental Health Division Protocols for Designated Mental Health Professionals.

3. Provider agencies inform GCBH of the need for single bed certification, and provide the necessary documentation, in accord with procedures established by the Mental Health Division, and published in a document titled, "Community Psychiatric Inpatient Instructions and Requirements."
4. Provider agencies and DMHP's work with GCBH Care Coordinators and provide monitoring for all GCBH consumers discharged from inpatient psychiatric units on Conditional Release (CR) or less restrictive alternative court order (LRA). This includes:
 - 4.1. Keeping a master list of all consumers on either CR or LRA's;
 - 4.2. Providing a copy of client's rights; and
 - 4.3. Monitoring their progress in accordance with the conditions of the court order.
5. Consumers may be detained:
 - 5.1. For 14 days or until clear;
 - 5.2. For an extension beyond 14 days pending placement or imminent stability; or
 - 5.3. On a civil commitment for 90 days if not cleared after 14 days or extension.
6. GCBH periodically monitors provider agencies to assure that their processes for documenting consumer compliance with the conditions of less restrictive alternative court orders and safe-guarding consumer property in the event of a detention are consistent with the requirements of WAC 388-865-0425.

APPROVAL

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