

Involuntary Treatment System Integration – Updates as of 02/14/2018

During the 2016 Washington State Legislative session, House Bill (HB) 1713 passed and made significant changes to clinical practice and procedure for substance use disorder (SUD) treatment under existing laws, particularly in chapters 71.05, 71.34, 70.96A, and 71.24 RCW. These changes have created a need for Secure Withdrawal Management and Stabilization (SWMS) facilities in the state of Washington to provide a place for individuals who are determined to need involuntary treatment for a substance use disorder to receive treatment.

HB 1713 Sec. 201 (2016) made changes to multiple aspects of the behavioral health system. To this end, the state was given the following responsibilities to complete two designated primary tasks. This is an update of the designated mandates or primary tasks since October 5, 2017.

- 1. Develop a transition process to train Designated Mental Health Professional (DMHP) by April 1, 2018, to carry out the functions of RCW 71.05 and RCW 71.34 as Designated Crisis Responders (DCR).**

The Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery developed a 16-hour (two-day) training session for current DMHPs and is currently providing that training statewide. DBHR has trained nearly 500 DMHPs across the state to become DCRs on April 1, 2018. DCRs will be able to respond to requests for investigations of individuals in both mental health and/or addiction crisis and provide crisis interventions including detention for involuntary treatment, if needed.

On April 1, 2018, designated crisis responders will be able to detain to a secure withdrawal management and stabilization facility, individuals who present at risk of harm to self or others, or are gravely disabled as a result of a substance use disorder.

DBHR will provide trainings for new hires on a quarterly basis after April 1, 2018.

- 2. Ensure that at least one sixteen-bed secure detoxification facility is operational by April 1, 2018, and that at least two sixteen-bed secure detoxification facilities are operational by April 1, 2019.**

The Legislature passed ESHB 1713 in the 2016 Legislative session directing the department to open one secure detoxification facility in April 2018 and one each year thereafter until a total of nine facilities are opened statewide. Operational funding was not included in the 2016 Enacted Budget and the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) will need funds to operate such facilities.

The Governor, on December 14, 2017, proposed a 2018 Supplemental Budget including the 2017-2019 Capital Construction Budget. This proposed capital construction budget passed and provides funding for two secure drug and alcohol detoxification facilities.

DBHR has written WAC 388-877B-0140 – Permanent rules for Secure Withdrawal Management and Stabilization and it has been approved.

The permanent rules for the certification of Secure Withdrawal Management and Stabilization services (aka Secure Detox) were approved on or about January 19, 2018. *Secure Detox will provide services to an individual to assist in the process of withdrawal from psychoactive substances in a safe and effective*

manner, or medically stabilize an individual after acute intoxication in accordance with the patient placement criteria and chapters 71.05 and 71.34 RCW.

Here's the link:

<https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/SESA/rpau/documents/103P-18-01-103.pdf>

Training provided for Agencies Interested in developing Secure Withdrawal Management and Stabilization services.

On January 29, 2018, DBHR sent invitations for training to interested parties who notified DBHR by providing a letter of interest in becoming certified to provide secure withdrawal management and stabilization services in the community. The training referenced the WAC and new certification requirements for secure withdrawal management and stabilization facilities. All agencies that provided a letter of interest in applying for certification as a SWMS facility were represented at the workshop training.

Next Steps:

- Two facilities are scheduled to be in operation by April 1, 2018.
- Training for DMHPs to transition to Designated Crisis Responders is ongoing statewide.
- DSHS will provide ongoing technical assistance in the development of Secure Withdrawal Management and Stabilization Facilities, and
 - Provide Designated Crisis Responder additional education training referencing new SUD (ITA) Protocols.
 - Assist and continue to help develop more secure withdrawal management and stabilization facilities.

DBHR requested both capital and operational funding to facilitate the development of secure detoxification facilities and DBHR expects to have facility capacity options available within the timelines established in HB 1713.

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