

RESOLUTION NO. _____

RESOLUTION OF THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DESIGNATING ELIGIBLE PROFESSIONAL PERSONS WHO CAN INITIATE OR DISCONTINUE A WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 5150 HOLD

WHEREAS, Welfare and Institutions Code section 5150 provides for the involuntary detention, evaluation, and treatment of certain mentally disordered persons; and

WHEREAS, Welfare and Institutions Code section 5150(c) states that eligible professionals can be designated by the County Board of Supervisors to assess whether a person can be properly served without being detained under section 5150; and

WHEREAS, Welfare and Institutions Code section 5121 authorizes a county Behavioral Health Director to develop procedures for the county's designation and training of professionals who will be designated to perform functions under Welfare and Institutions Code section 5150 including an application and approval process, initial and on-going training and testing requirements, and monitoring and reviewing to ensure appropriate compliance with state law, regulations and county procedures; and

WHEREAS, certain professionals who have undergone training are qualified to provide Welfare and Institutions Code section 5150(c) assessments of persons detained under section 5150, such that, if in their professional judgment appropriate, they may discontinue a 5150 hold to allow for voluntary psychiatric treatment; and

WHEREAS, where such a Welfare and Institutions Code section 5150(c) assessment results in discontinuing a 5150 hold, the person shall be provided evaluation, crisis intervention, or other inpatient or outpatient services on a voluntary basis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. The Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt hereby authorizes Welfare and Institutions Code section 5150(c) assessments to be conducted under the above-referenced code sections prior to transfer to a facility designated by the county for evaluation and treatment by the following professionals once they have been approved by the County Behavioral Health Director after making application thereto and undergoing initial and ongoing training and testing.
 - A. Peace officers exercising jurisdiction within the County of Humboldt or any incorporated city within the County.
 - B. The following on-duty Emergency Department providers at any of the hospitals offering emergency services in Humboldt County:
 - i. Licensed Physicians;
 - ii. Licensed Psychologists;
 - iii. Licensed Clinical Social Workers;
 - iv. Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists;
 - v. Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors;
 - vi. Registered Nurses;
 - C. The following on-duty providers of the Department of Health and Human Services - Behavioral Health:
 - i. Licensed Physicians;
 - ii. Licensed Psychologists;

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- iii. Licensed Clinical Social Workers;
 - iv. Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists;
 - v. Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors;
 - vi. Nurse Practitioners;
 - vii. Registered Nurses;
 - viii. Licensed Psychiatric Technicians;
 - ix. Licensed Vocational Nurses;
 - x. Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) registered
 - a. Associate Clinical Social Workers;
 - b. Associate Marriage and Family Therapists; and
 - c. Associate Professional Clinical Counselors.
- D. The following providers of Organizational Providers contracted to provide Mobile Crisis Response for the Department as designated by the Behavioral Health Director:
- i. Licensed Clinical Social Workers;
 - ii. Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists;
 - iii. Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors;
 - iv. Board of Behavioral Sciences (BBS) registered
 - a. Associate Clinical Social Workers;
 - b. Associate Marriage and Family Therapists; and
 - c. Associate Professional Clinical Counselors.
- D. Community psychiatrists certified by the Medical Board of California in the field of psychiatry.
- E. The following providers offering emergency services at the K'ima:w Medical Center.
- i. Licensed Physicians;
 - ii. Licensed Psychologists
 - iii. Licensed Clinical Social Workers;
 - iv. Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists;
 - v. Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Humboldt finds that any additional costs incurred by the County in the implementation of this Article will be funded by funds redirected from cost savings resulting from the implementation so that no current service reductions will occur.

Dated: _____

Mike Wilson, Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors