



# COUNTY OF YOLO

## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES AGENCY

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### POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

#### SECTION 5, CHAPTER 1, POLICY 005

#### RELEASE AND RESOLUTION OF CLINICAL DISAGREEMENTS REGARDING 5150 72-HOUR INVOLUNTARY PSYCHIATRIC HOLD

- A. PURPOSE:** To clearly define the process for release of involuntary 72-hour psychiatric holds pursuant to California Welfare & Institutions Code (WIC) sections 5150 et seq., at the County of Yolo ("County") designated facilities.
- B. FORMS REQUIRED/ATTACHMENTS:** None.
- C. DEFINITIONS:**
1. "Responding Crisis Clinician" means either a 5150 Authorized HHSA Clinician or a 5150 Authorized Contracted Clinician, as defined below.
  2. "On-Call Psychiatrist" means either a 5150 Authorized HHSA Psychiatrist or a 5150 Authorized Contracted Psychiatrist, as defined below.
  3. "5150 Authorized HHSA Clinician" means a County workforce member employed with the County Health and Human Services Agency ("HHSA") who holds a clinical license, or who is licensed-eligible/waivered; has completed the County's 5150 training and certification course; has passed the 5150 course examination; and has been duly authorized by the County Mental Health Director or designee to be a County 5150 Authorized HHSA Clinician.
  4. "5150 Authorized Contracted Clinician" means a workforce member of an independent contractor that the County has contracted with to provide crisis services, including but not limited to "After-Hours" 5150 evaluations, who holds a clinical license, or who is licensed-eligible/waivered; has completed the County's 5150 training and certification course; has passed the 5150 course examination; and has been duly authorized by the County Mental Health Director or designee to be a County 5150 Authorized Contracted Clinician.
  5. "5150 Authorized HHSA Psychiatrist" means a County workforce member employed with the County Health and Human Services Agency ("HHSA") who holds a medical license; has completed the County's 5150 training and certification course; has passed the 5150 course examination; and has been duly authorized by the County Mental Health Director or designee to be a County 5150 Authorized HHSA Psychiatrist.

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  7. "Other Provider" means a professional person in charge of a facility designated by the County for evaluation and treatment under WIC §5150 et. seq.; or a member of the attending staff, as defined by regulation, of a facility designated by the County for evaluation and treatment under WIC §5150 et seq.
  8. "Accepting Facility" means the inpatient psychiatric facility that will be accepting the patient once a 5150 hold evaluation has been completed and authorized by a Responding Crisis Clinician.
  9. "Assessment" means the determination of whether a person shall be evaluated and treated pursuant to WIC §5150. (WIC §5140.4.)
  10. "Evaluation" means a multidisciplinary professional analyses of a client's medical, psychological, educational, social, financial, and legal conditions as may appear to constitute a problem. (WIC §5008(a).)
- D. **POLICY:** The process for releasing/"lifting" a 72-hour hold will be resolved in the manner described below.
- E. **PROCEDURE: Release of 5150 Involuntary 72-Hour Psychiatric Holds in Yolo County Prior to Transfer to an Accepting Facility**
1. When a client is on an existing hold in Yolo County that has been instituted by a peace officer or Other Provider, a Responding Crisis Clinician will evaluate the client in order to either transfer the client to an Accepting Facility or to release/"lift" the 72-hour hold.
  2. **Consultation Between the Responding Crisis Clinician and On-Call Psychiatrist**
    - a. When a Responding Crisis Clinician determines there is no longer probable cause to believe that a client is, as a result of a mental health disorder, a danger to others, or to himself or herself, or gravely disabled, the Responding Crisis Clinician must contact the On-Call Psychiatrist to confer and obtain approval prior to releasing/"lifting" the hold.
    - b. The 72-hour hold will only be released/ "lifted", if the Responding Crisis Clinician and the On-call Psychiatrist mutually agree that there is not sufficient probable cause to believe that the client is, as a result of a mental health disorder, a danger to others, or to himself or herself, or gravely disabled.
    - c. The Responding Crisis Clinician and the On-Call Psychiatrist shall enter their findings and disposition into the client's medical record via the County's Electronic Health Record- Avatar. A copy of these findings will be provided to the Other Provider.

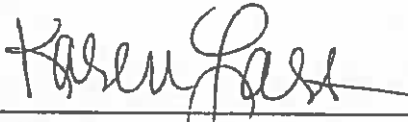
**F. PROCEDURE: Resolution of Clinical Disagreements regarding Release of 5150 Involuntary 72-Hour Psychiatric Holds in Yolo County Prior to Transfer to an Accepting Facility**

1. In the event of a clinical disagreement between the Responding Crisis Clinician/On-Call Psychiatrist and the Other Provider, the 72-hour hold shall be maintained until the Other Provider can consult with the On-Call Psychiatrist.
2. The Responding Crisis Clinician will facilitate a consultation between the Other Provider and the On-Call Psychiatrist.
  - a. If after consulting, the Other Provider and the On-Call Psychiatrist mutually agree to release/"lift" the 72-hour hold the Responding Crisis Clinician will facilitate removal of the 72-hour hold.
  - b. If after consulting, the Other Provider and the On-Call Psychiatrist do *not* mutually agree to release/"lift" the 72-hour hold , then the client will remain on the 72-hour hold and the Responding Crisis Clinician will facilitate the client's admission to an Accepting Facility.
  - c. The Responding Crisis Clinician and the On-Call Psychiatrist shall enter their findings and disposition into the client's medical record via the County's Electronic Health Record- Avatar. A copy of these findings will be provided to the Other Provider.


**G. REFERENCES**

1. California Welfare & Institutions Code §§5150 et seq.
2. California Welfare & Institutions Code §§ 5008(a).
3. HHS Policy and Procedure, 5-1-001, *5150 Involuntary 72-Hour Hold*

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