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## **North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization, LLC**

Section 1700 – – Integrated Crisis Response Services (ICRS): Administration of the Involuntary Treatment Program (ITA)

Authorizing Source: HCA Contract

Approved by: Executive Director

Date:

Signature:

### **POLICY # 1720.00**

### **SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION OF THE INVOLUNTARY TREATMENT PROGRAM**

#### **PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to ensure Involuntary Treatment Services are provided by Designated Crisis Responders (DCR) to evaluate an individual in crisis and determine if involuntary services are required.

#### **POLICY**

North Sound Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization (North Sound BH-ASO) or its member counties will designate DCRs to perform the duties of involuntary investigation and detention in accordance with the requirements of Revised Code of Washington (RCW) Chapters 71.05, 71.34 and current DCR protocols. This will be done in consultation between the Integrated Crisis Response System (ICRS) Service Providers, the counties and North Sound BH-ASO.

RCW 71.05 provides for persons suffering from behavioral health disorders to be involuntarily committed for treatment and sets forth that procedures and services be integrated with RCW Chapter 71.24.

RCW 71.34 establishes behavioral health services for minors, protects minors against needless hospitalization, enables treatment decisions to be made with sound professional judgment and ensures minors' parents/guardians are given an opportunity to participate in treatment decisions.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

**DCR** means a person designated by the county or other authority authorized in rule, to perform the civil commitment duties described in Chapters 71.05 RCW and 71.34 RCW.

**"Detention"** or **"Detain"** means the lawful confinement of a person, under the provisions of these chapters.

#### **PROCEDURE**

1. North Sound BH-ASO will have agreements in place with ICRS Service Providers, Island, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, and Whatcom Counties to provide services in accordance with the designation noted above.
2. MHPs designated to perform these duties will have the necessary training required to perform these duties.
3. North Sound BH-ASO will provide an annual clinical audit/review to ensure adherence to sourced Health Care Authority (HCA) and relevant RCW standards utilizing current related audit/review tools.

#### **ATTACHMENTS**

None