

## EMERGENCY INVOLUNTARY PROCEDURES REVIEW COMMITTEE

March 10, 2023 - 10:30a - 12p

### Zoom Meeting Link

1. Join Zoom Meeting

<https://vsc.zoom.us/j/86014600560>

2. Dial-In Option

Meeting ID: 860 1460 0560

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### Purpose

The Emergency Involuntary Procedures (EIP) Review Committee is a committee convened by the Commissioner of the Department of Mental Health (Department) to review emergency involuntary procedures occurring on inpatient psychiatric units for those in the custody of the Commissioner. The Committee's responsibilities will be to review aggregate data, review inpatient hospitals' adherence to the requirements of the CMS and Joint Commission standards, to review the appropriateness of the decision(s) to use emergency involuntary procedures to ensure that there is external review and oversight of emergency involuntary procedures, and to prepare an annual report to the Department summarizing its work, providing suggestions and recommendations regarding the hospitals' adherence to CMS & Joint Commission standards.

### Agenda

1. Introductions & Check-In (10:30a)

a. Review minutes from previous meeting

2. Updates from members (10:35a)

a. Brattleboro Retreat

- Leadership changes (Welcome Kim). 2 adolescent units - 8 total units. Census has increased quite a bit. Things are going well.

b. Central Vermont Medical Center

- Setting up first advisory group, inviting patients, leaders from community, etc to advise on how more meaningful service can be delivered.

c. Designated Agency Representative

d. DAIL/Division of Licensing and Protection

e. Department of Mental Health

- Continuing to monitor EIP data. Alternatives to ED's in the works. Managing various Mental Health Block Grant awards (supplemental awards in addition to base awards) is complex. DAIL is in a phase one contract for a skilled nursing facility for individuals with complex behavioral needs, living with mental illness, and justice involvement, which will support individuals waiting for this level of care in discharging from hospitals as well as accessing this service from the community.

f. Rutland Regional Medical Center

- 6 Core Strategies: trying to come up with programing and presentation/education for newer staff. Hoping to have a site visit to check out renovations.

g. Springfield Hospital - Windham Center

- WC is rebuilding provider coverage and long term full time provider coverage on staff. 1

- new full-time provider starting in April.
- h. University of Vermont Medical Center
- i. Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital
  - New CEO starting around May. Still searching for Director of Quality. RFP for psych services, exploring a potential contract with a company. Lack of psychiatry prevented all beds from being open.
- j. Veterans Affairs
  - Transition of leadership. Peer supports offered. When vets are discharged, BHIP Team help to support. Hope to see new as opposed to return admissions.
- k. Others

Kevin Huckshorn - Compliance and ED needs around violence that happen in those settings. Working with Emma Harrington.

3. Data report postponed to June 2023 meeting - reports will be emailed and included in June Invite
4. Discussion Topics/Questions - Action Items
  - Any updates on common consumer appeal policy?
    - Peer review request to full committee (admin rule). Purview of this rule? Just inpatient psych units where EIP's are administered? ED's? Part of the informed consent process/resource available to them should they choose to pursue it.
  - What questions/recommendations would you like to see in the Committee Annual Report?
    - Would like to see a section of "good news" in the reports. Data sometimes only tells one side of the story. Great convos with facilities to offer teachings/training in person on site and chunk down topics so as to be responsive to work force challenges.
  - What are member 6CS training/support needs for 2023-2024?
    - Brattleboro Retreat has had a lot of turn over and needs time to think/discuss and will send an email later.

### **Legislative Mandate**

- Here is a link to the legislative mandate and the paragraph (page 15) that applies to these reports:  
<https://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/document/eip-administrative-rule-regulation-establishing-standards-emergency-involuntary-procedures>
- The Review Committee shall review aggregate data that has been prepared based on information received from the clinical leadership teams of the designated hospitals and the state-operated facility regarding all relevant orders of emergency involuntary procedures (involuntary medication, seclusion and restraint). The aggregate data shall be prepared by the Department of Mental Health in quarterly reports.
- The Review Committee shall meet quarterly to review the aggregate data submitted by the designated hospitals and the state-operated facilities.

*Note:* Committee members & members of the public are invited to submit additional comments/questions at any time using this form: <http://bit.ly/EIPComment>

## **Important Links**

- EIP Administrative Rule:

<https://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/document/eip-administrative-rule-regulation-establishing-standards-emergency-involuntary-procedures>

- EIP Committee Website (with minutes & reports)

<https://mentalhealth.vermont.gov/about-us/boards-and-committees/emergency-involuntary-procedures-eip-review-committee>