

## EMERGENCY INVOLUNTARY PROCEDURES REVIEW COMMITTEE

June 9, 2023 - 10:30a - 12p

### Zoom Meeting Link

1. Join Zoom Meeting

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

2. Dial-In Option

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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

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

Alex Lehning, VCPI (Host)

Laura Lyford, DMH

Steve DeVoe, DMH

Alix Goldschmid, Brattleboro Retreat

Henry Mauck, Disability Rights Vermont

Laurie Emerson, NAMI VT

Janice LeBel, Consultant, Six Core Strategies

David.Horton, DMH

Allie Nerenberg, DMH

Lisa Cathcart, Rutland Regional Medical Center

Kimberly Cookson, Central Vermont Medical Center

Eva Dayon, DMH

Kelley Klein, DMH

Tonya Davis, NKHS

Amy Stonoha, VCPI

Kim Cowan, Brattleboro Retreat

Suzanne Leavitt, DAIL

Kevin Huckshorn, Consultant, Six Core Strategies

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a. Review minutes from previous meeting

2. Updates from members (10:35a)

a. Brattleboro Retreat

- 8 units, census is 100+ for the past 5 months. Working on solidifying nursing team, working on 6 core strategies, more hires, workplace violence committee.
- b. Central Vermont Medical Center - CVMC - working on hiring staff - Nurses and Mental Health Techs. We have had some recent successes with hiring. We have been attempting to hire a CNC for our floor so I am pretty much solo for floor leaders.
- c. Designated Agency Representative
- d. DAIL/Division of Licensing and Protection
- e. Department of Mental Health - Looking at all evidence-based practices including 6 core strategies. More updates to come. Looking to determine how best to support each facility.
- f. Peer Representatives
  - NAMI: staff starting soon, conference 11/15/23. If you'd like to do a presentation, please reach out to Laurie Emerson.
- g. Rutland Regional Medical Center - Drs. Labelle and Husckshorn were on site did a symposium for 6 core strategies. Some folks from other agencies as well, huge success. Working on committees up and running again. Preparing for provider changes, new medical director in August. Many nurse vacancies, filling with travelers. Working on workplace violence. Portion of the Rutland training will become available soon.
- h. Springfield Hospital - Windham Center
- i. University of Vermont Medical Center
- j. Vermont Psychiatric Care Hospital
- k. Veterans Affairs
- l. Others

### 3. Data Report - DMH

Involuntary Inpatient census is consistent.

Majority of EIP's on level I units. More time spent in restraint than in seclusion.

Tyler 4 Lindon Lodge rates are down, Shep 6 rates are up. (from last quarter)

### 4. Discussion Topics/Questions - Action Items

- What questions/recommendations would you like to see in the Committee Annual Report?
- Please complete the evaluation for our work together over the past year: [EIP Review Committee Evaluation Form \(https://forms.gle/Ch6wB1q5Y7JivZQ17\)](https://forms.gle/Ch6wB1q5Y7JivZQ17)
- DMH taking over facilitating EIP meetings going forward
- Legislative initiative to eliminate restraints in schools. No talks yet about using 6 core strategies in schools. AOE oversees this. More to come.

### 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>