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Dear OSH Partner –

Effective June 30, 2022, the Oregon State Hospital (OSH) will be implementing the following changes. These changes are being made to comply with the federally appointed neutral expert's recommendations in the *Mink-Bowman* litigation to assist in addressing admissions to OSH.

- (1) For those aid and assist (".370") patients whom OSH's Forensic Evaluation Service opines as having gained or regained fitness ("able" to aid and assist), OSH is re-establishing its prior policy of discharging patients back to the committing county upon FES' filing of its evaluation. In other words, the contested notice process (including the 2-day wait until discharge) will cease for those patients whom FES has filed a "able" report. OSH will retain the contested notice process for those patients whom FES opines as substantially unlikely to be restored in the foreseeable future ("never able") or are substantially unlikely to be restored in the future without the use of medications ("med never"). For an explanation about this change, please see pages 12 and 22 of the attached 6/5/2022 report from the neutral expert in the *Mink/Bowman* federal case.
- (2) OSH has also modified its expedited admission process to encourage consultation and referral by jails, an individual's attorney(s), the case prosecutor(s), the case or hearing judge, or other referral source. See page 24 of the attached report, and the attached expedited admission protocol.

Also, the OSH Admissions Department email address has been changed to OSH.Admissions@odhsoha.oregon.gov

The email address to send court orders to has changed to osh.courtorders@odhsoha.oregon.gov

Please forward this information to your colleagues.

Please contact Micky Logan, the OSH Director of Legal Affairs, if you have any questions: micky.f.logan@dhsoha.state.or.us or 503-793-2783.

Thank you!

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Attachments:

- 6/5/2022 report from the neutral expert in the *Mink/Bowman* federal case
- OSH Updated Expedited Admission Protocol