

WINSTON-SALEM PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

SEPTEMBER 9, 2019



Winston-Salem



Forsyth County IVC Transportation Agreement

FORSYTH COUNTY IVC TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

Involuntary Commitment (IVC) laws in North Carolina provide for evaluations and treatment of individuals who are mentally ill or substance abusers and are found to be dangerous to themselves or others.

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Process:

1. Petition to Magistrate
2. Emergency

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Law Enforcement involvement:

custody and transportation

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Under existing IVC laws, custody and transportation fall on:

1. Cities when the Respondent is a resident of the City or is taken into custody in the City limits
2. Counties when the Respondent is a resident of the County outside City limits or who is taken into custody outside of City limits
3. Counties when the Respondent is transported between counties

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SB 630 - NC Session Law 2018-33

Purpose: “to improve the delivery of behavioral health services in North Carolina”

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Every Local Management Entity – Managed Care Organization (“LME/MCO”) must adopt a community crisis services plan.

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- An involuntary commitment transportation agreement approved by the governing body is part of the community crisis service plan
- The transportation agreement must be submitted to the State by October 1, 2019

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Multiple stakeholder meetings were held with:

Local law enforcement

Local hospitals

Daymark Recovery Center

Cardinal Health

Magistrate's Office

Clerk's Office

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Agreement - Key Elements

- IVC Transportation Agreement being submitted for approval should have minimal impact on the Police Department/City
- Existing custody and transportation requirements are incorporated into the agreement so that those requirements for the WSPD remain the same

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- Recognition of Forsyth Hospital's existing contract with private transportation
- Recognition of Baptist Hospital's use of security staff for some transportation
- Recognition of use of Daymark as first examination site where possible

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Anticipated benefits of Agreement:

1. Lessen burden on hospital emergency rooms as first examination sites
2. Lessen burden on law enforcement through use of some private transportation of respondents
3. Centralized location for first examinations where possible

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A more efficient and streamlined process
will always benefit respondents and the community.

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Questions?