



List of Expectation(s) of Supporting Agencies in the Implementation of Laura's Law

Purpose

To define the expectations of the AOT Team, County Council, LAPD/Sheriff, PMRT Team, Public Defender and all other collaborating agencies in the implementation of Laura's Law in Los Angeles County.

AOT Team/Lead Clinical Investigator:

- Review Referrals for AOT evaluation
- Make initial treatment offer (Voluntary TX)
- Schedule Evaluation and other interventions
- Determine clinical necessity of AOT
- Coordination with other agencies
- Create and update client treatment plan
- Ensure viable treatment option(s) for Treatment plans i.e.: availability of FSP, sober living etc.
- Upon submission of the petition the team must maintain contact with the client to respond to any sudden deterioration for up to 180 days
- Provide client, public defender, patients' rights advocate and all other service providers or significant others in client's life with a copy of the court summons
- If a settlement is proposed by the client; upon request the team will provide the court and/or counsel a status on the client's mental health and ensures settlement and treatment plan are based on the most current clinical information
- Submission of periodic affidavit (60 Days)
- If applicable; request an extension of Laura's Law if client continues to meet the criterion for a petition after 180 days of the initial petition

County Counsel:

- Review and ensure all evidence provided by the AOT Team meets criteria of Laura's Law and will be "clear and convincing"
- Write an AOT petition with adherence to court requirements in order to present to MH Director to sign

Court

- Upon submission of AOT Petition; schedule a hearing date/time (no later than 5 court days) and issue a summons
- Optional: issue a court order for client to meet with AOT team in accordance to 5346(d) of Laura's Law

LAPD/Sherriff's Department

- During the investigation period LAPD/Sheriff's department will provide records to verify 5150 response(s) of any individual being evaluated by AOT Team.
- Provide a civil standby to AOT Team for clients with a history of violence
- Conduct "welfare checks" at request of AOT team to ensure client's and cohabitants' safety

Psychiatric Mobile Response Team

- During the investigation period PMRT will provide documentation of 5150 holds
- If applicable; assist AOT Team in taking the client into custody and into involuntary treatment in accordance with 5346(f) of Laura's Law

Public Defender

- Provide client with an informed overview of his/her legal rights and resources necessary for court hearing
- If the client waives his/her right to a hearing; Prepare a proposed settlement agreement on behalf of the client
- If applicable; submit a *writ of habeas corpus* on behalf of the client

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