



# Lake County Behavioral Health Services CARE Court Presentation

# CARE Court

What is it?

### How will CARE Court work?

Civil court process

Referrals from many sources

Initial screening for criteria

Opportunity for a settlement agreement

Behavioral Health Services performs an assessment and creates a plan Sanctions on the individual and department if no adherance

### **CARE Court**

Qualified BH

Professional

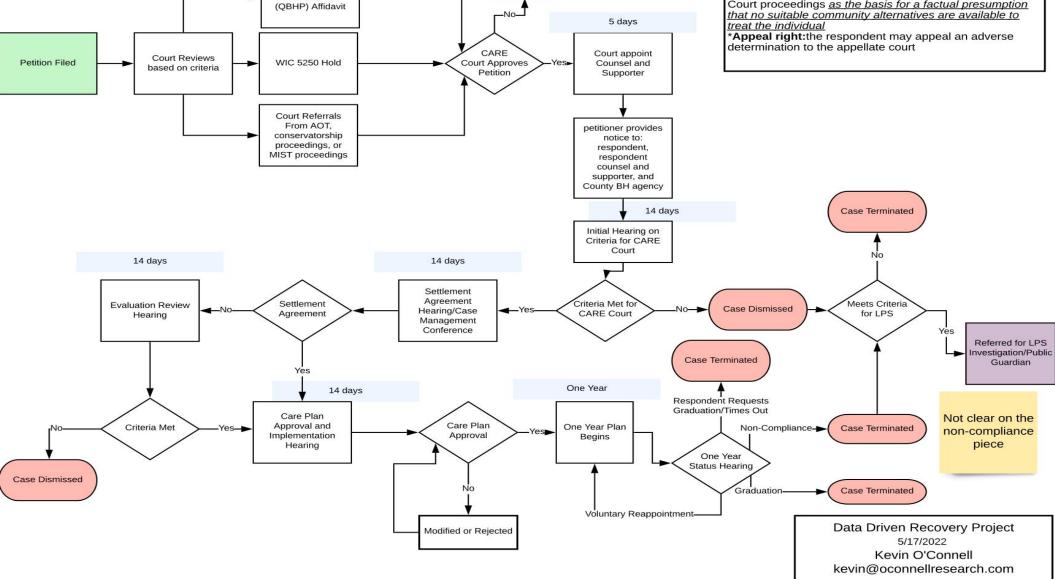
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Case dismissed

### Respondent Noncompliance Accountability (any time)

\*Termination: After receiving notice, if the respondent does not participate or is failing to comply with the CARE plan, the court\_may terminate the respondent's participation in CARE Court AND

\*LPS:The court may use its existing legal authority under LPS to ensure the respondent's safety and use CARE Court proceedings as the basis for a factual presumption that no suitable community alternatives are available to



# Positive aspects of CARE Court

Opportunity to connect to hard-toreach individuals

Prioritization of treatment and housing resources for vulnerable population

Focus on "No Wrong Door" and intense case management

# Concerns about CARE Court -Client Rights



Compelled treatment often is ineffective



Even though this is civil court, unclear what "penalties" clients face including LPS conservatorship



Adds to the stigma faced by unsheltered people



Still unclear how people with substance use disorder fit in

# Concerns about CARE Court Capacity

Behavioral Health Services is to be responsible for locating the referred person and bringing them to court

Possibly many court hearings in a very short time frame – unbillable time

Funding for courts, not Behavioral Health Services staff

Big impacts on Courts, Public Defender and County Counsel

# Concerns about CARE Court Resources

Housing is the key resource that people need but there is not enough

This population will need the highest levels of care – already full

Potential to have to contract out for services

## Questions?

Policy provisions still not finalized

A lot of politics in the mix (pressure from cities, pressure from state hospitals, upcoming elections)

Behavioral Health Services Departments and Counties are advocating for more funding to make this viable

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