



SALISH BHO

NETWORK MANAGEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Policy Name: DESIGNATION OF DESIGNATED CRISIS RESPONDERS

Policy Number: 3.08

Reference: RCW 71.05, RCW 71.34, WAC 388-865-0238; WAC 388-877-0200; 2017 Designated Mental Health Protocols (RCW 71.05.214)

Effective Date: 2/1990

Revision Date(s): 11/2010; 5/2016; 6/2017; 6/2018

Reviewed Date: 5/2016; 6/2017; 6/2018

Approved by: SBHO Executive Board

PURPOSE

The Salish Behavioral Health Organization (SBHO) shall ensure that it maintains an adequate network of Designated Crisis Responders (DCR) to fulfill the requirements of the Involuntary Treatment Act.

DEFINITIONS

Designated Crisis Responder is a mental health professional who has been designated by the SBHO to conduct the activities set forth in RCW 71.05 AND 71.34.

Mental Health Professional (MHP) means:

- A psychiatrist, psychologist, physician assistant working with a supervising psychiatrist, psychiatric advanced registered nurse practitioner (ARNP), psychiatric nurse, or social worker as defined in chapters 71.05 and 71.34 RCW;
- A person who is licensed by the department of health as a mental health counselor or mental health counselor associate, marriage and family therapist, or marriage and family therapist associate;
- A person with a master's degree or further advanced degree in counseling or one of the social sciences from an accredited college or university who has at least two years of experience in direct treatment of persons with mental illness or emotional disturbance, experience that was gained under the supervision of a mental health professional recognized by the department or attested to by the licensed behavioral health agency;
- A person who meets the waiver criteria of RCW 71.24.260, and the waiver was granted prior to 1986; or

- A person who had an approved waiver to perform the duties of a mental health professional (MHP), that was requested by the behavioral health organization (BHO) and granted by the mental health division prior to July 1, 2001.

PROCEDURE

1. Designated Crisis Responders (DCR) are employed by the SBHO's Network Mental Health Providers (Kitsap Mental Health Services, Discovery Behavioral Health, Peninsula Behavioral Health, and West End Outreach).
2. Each Network Agency shall have a SBHO Executive Board appointed and designated employee within their respective agency as the network agency DCR.
 - a. Designations are made annually or upon change of agency staff.
3. Individuals designated as the network agency DCR may deputize additional qualified employees, as necessary, to conduct business.
 - a. Each agency and DCR shall ensure that all deputized individuals:
 - i. Meet the qualifications listed in WAC.
 - ii. Receive the necessary and required safety trainings to successfully complete their work.
 - iii. Are employed by the same Network Provider Agency that the DCR represents.
4. Each agency shall provide the SBHO with a current list of deputized employees.
 - a. Agencies shall provide a new/updated list annually, each time there is a personnel change, and/or upon request.
5. The SBHO shall review qualifications of deputized individuals during annual Administrative Reviews.
6. Each network agency shall appoint one representative to attend the SBHO quarterly DCR meeting.

MONITORING

This SBHO policy is mandated by statute.

1. This policy will be monitored through use of SBHO:
 - Annual SBHO Provider and Subcontractor Administrative Review.
2. If a provider performs below expected standards during any of the reviews listed above a Corrective Action will be required for SBHO approval. Reference SBHO Corrective Action Plan policy.