

Sarpy County Attorney's Office

Mental Health Intake

Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. HOW DO I SUBMIT A MENTAL HEALTH INTAKE FORM?** By completing an Intake Form at the Sarpy County Attorney's Office. All Intake Forms must be signed in the presence of the notary public of the front desk of the Sarpy County Attorney Office's.
- 2. WHO REVIEWS THE INTAKE FORM?** An attorney in our office.
- 3. WHAT IS THE LEGAL CRITERIA FOR THE INTAKE FORM TO RESULT IN A BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH PETITION?** The subject of the intake must be a resident of Sarpy County. Additionally, facts stated in the Intake Form must demonstrate the person, who is the subject of the intake, may be mentally ill, and because of this mental illness they are an immediate and substantial risk for causing serious harm to himself/herself or others.
- 4. WHO FILES THE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH PETITION?** An attorney in our office who has determined that the Intake Form meets the legal criteria as described above.
- 5. WILL I KNOW THE STATUS OF THE BOARD OF MENTAL HEALTH INTAKE OR PETITION?** No. Once the intake is submitted it will become subject to state law pertaining to the confidentiality of mental health records and thus information about the petition cannot be shared.
- 6. WHAT DO I DO IN THE MEANTIME?** Nothing. If additional information is needed, someone will be in contact with you. **However, call 911 in the event of an emergency where you feel the subject of the intake is going to carry out an act of danger or harm to himself/herself or others.**
- 7. WHO CAN I CONTACT FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION?** Call the Sarpy County Attorney's Office at 402-593-2230 and ask to speak with an attorney regarding a mental health intake. However, keep in mind that an attorney cannot provide you with the status of a mental health petition or share information with you about the subject of the intake.