

2019 Kansas Statutes

59-29c08. Evaluation of admitted person; district court review; discharge. (a)

The head of the crisis intervention center shall evaluate a person admitted pursuant to this act within four hours of admission to determine whether the person is likely to be a mentally ill person subject to involuntary commitment for care and treatment, as defined in K.S.A. 59-2946, and amendments thereto, a person with an alcohol and substance abuse problem subject to involuntary commitment for care and treatment, as defined in K.S.A. 59-29b46, and amendments thereto, or a person with co-occurring conditions, and because of such mental illness, alcohol or substance abuse problem or co-occurring conditions, is likely to cause harm to self or others if allowed to remain at liberty. The head of the crisis intervention center shall inquire whether the person has a wellness recovery action plan or psychiatric advance directive.

(b) A behavioral health professional shall evaluate a person admitted pursuant to this act not later than 23 hours after admission and again not later than 48 hours after admission to determine if the person continues to meet the criteria described in subsection (a). The 23-hour evaluation must be performed by a different behavioral health professional from the one who conducted the initial evaluation under subsection (a).

(c) Not later than 48 hours after admission, if the head of the crisis intervention center determines that the person continues to meet the criteria described in subsection (a), then the head of the crisis intervention center shall file an affidavit to that effect for review by the district court in the county where the crisis intervention center is located. The affidavit shall include or be accompanied by the written application for emergency observation and treatment, information about the person's original admission to the crisis intervention center, the care and treatment provided to the person, and the factual circumstances in support of the evaluating professional's opinion that the person meets the criteria described in subsection (a). After reviewing the affidavit and any accompanying documentation, the court shall order the release of the person or order that the person may continue to be detained and treated at the crisis intervention center, subject to subsections (d) and (e).

(d) The head of the crisis intervention center shall discharge a person admitted pursuant to this act at any time the person no longer meets the criteria described in subsection (a) and, except as provided in subsection (e), not later than 72 hours after admission. Upon discharge, the crisis intervention center shall make reasonable accommodations for the person's transportation.

(e) Not later than 72 hours after admission, if the head of the crisis intervention center determines that a person admitted pursuant to this act continues to meet the criteria described in subsection (a), then the head of the crisis intervention center shall immediately file the petition provided for in K.S.A. 59-2957, and amendments thereto, or K.S.A. 59-29b57, and amendments thereto, and shall find appropriate placement for the individual, including, but not limited to, community hospitals equipped to take involuntary commitments or the designated state hospital. If the 72-hour period ends after 5 p.m., then the petition must be filed by the close of

business of the first day thereafter that the district court is open for the transaction of business.

History: L. 2017, ch. 77, § 8; July 1.