



Stanislaus Homeless Alliance

A collaborative entity formed to align homelessness services, planning, and funding among stakeholders in Stanislaus County.

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

Agenda

- I. Roll Call – Stanislaus Homeless Alliance Representatives
- II. Public Comment Period
- III. Action Items
- IV. Informational Items
- V. General Membership Announcements
- VI. Adjournment

Agenda Item I – Roll Call

Agency	Primary Voting Member	Alternate Voting Member
City of Ceres	James Casey	Rosalinda Vierra
City of Modesto	David Wright	Joe Lopez
City of Riverbank	Darlene Barber-Martinez	Marisela Garcia
City of Patterson	Shivaugn Alves	Ken Irwin
City of Turlock	Cassandra Abrams	Reagan Wilson
City of Oakdale	Christopher Smith	Brian Whitemyer
City of Waterford	Elizabeth Talbott	Mike Pitcock
Community System of Care	Fred Berry	Maryn Pitt
Focus on Prevention	Brad Hawn (Chair)	Tim Byrd
Stanislaus County	Terry Withrow	Jody Hayes
Stanislaus Regional Housing Authority	Carlos Estacio III	Jim Kruse

Agenda Item II – Public Comment Period

*PUBLIC COMMENT: Matters under the jurisdiction of the SHA and not on this posted agenda may be addressed by the general public at this time. However, California law prohibits the SHA from taking any action on a matter that is not on the posted agenda unless it is determined to be an emergency by the SHA. Any member of the public wishing to address the SHA during the “Public Comment” period shall be permitted to be heard once for up to **5** minutes.*

To make a comment please complete a Request to Comment form (available at the entrance to Chambers) and provide it to staff. Speakers will be recognized by the SHA Chairperson and called to the podium to speak in the order of receipt.

Agenda Item III – Action Items

- a. Minutes for November 2024 Meeting
- b. Bylaw Recommendations
 - i. Alternate Member Appointment

Agenda Item III(a) – Action Items

Approval of Minutes for November 2024 Meeting

Agenda Item III(b) – Action Items

Bylaw Recommendations

Agenda Item III(b.i.) – Action Items

Alternate Member Appointment

4.2 Alternate Member Appointments

For each government entity listed in Section 4, alternate members of the Stanislaus Homeless Alliance will ~~be the highest ranking an executive-level~~ administrative official in each government entity.

For each non-government entity listed in Section 4, alternate members will be nominated by the governing bodies of these entities and approved by a majority of that body. Subject to the bylaws of those organizations, non-governmental entities shall prioritize the election of representatives not currently employed by a governmental entity.

Agenda Item IV – Informational Items

- a. Behavioral Health SB43 Implementation
- b. CARE Court Act

Agenda Item IV (a) – Informational Items

Behavioral Health SB43 Implementation

Guest presenter: Kevin Panyanouvong, LCSW Associate Director



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES

Senate Bill 43: Expansion of Grave Disability

Stanislaus Homeless Alliance (SHA) Meeting

Wednesday, December 10, 2024

Kevin Panyanouvong, LCSW Associate Director

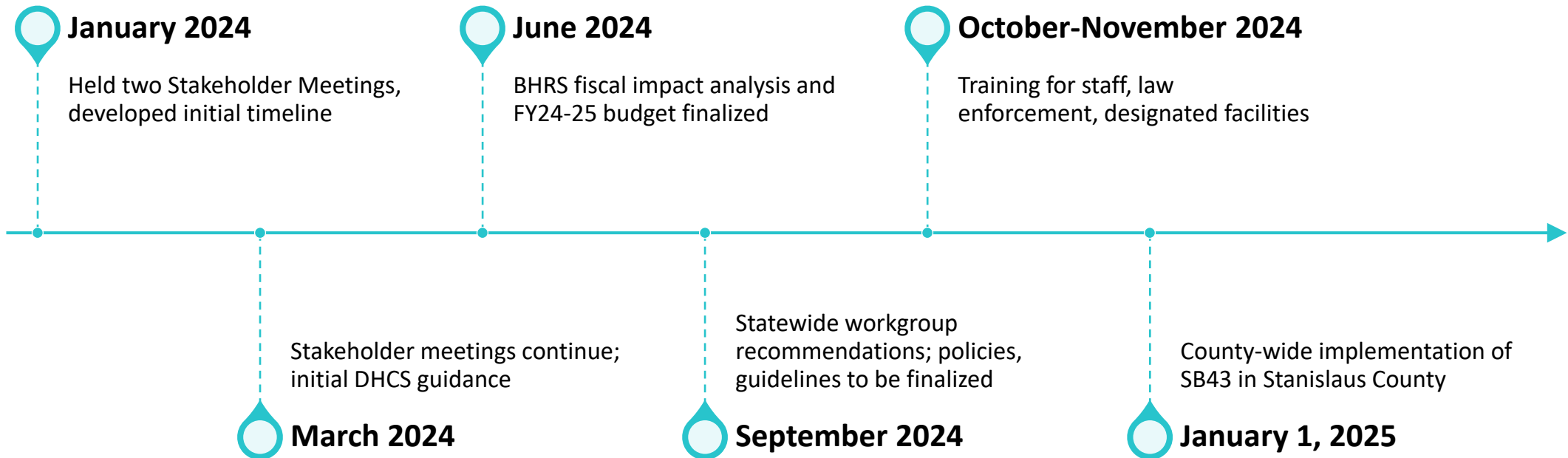
Counties which have implemented SB43 (January 1, 2024)

- San Francisco
- San Luis Obispo

Counties implementing SB43 by January 1, 2025

- Stanislaus
- Sacramento
- San Bernardino
- San Diego

SB43 Implementation Timeline



SB 43 - Substance Use Disorder, Medical and Safety Criteria

Brief Background

SB 43 expands California's criteria for involuntary detention and conservatorship, based on a person's mental health disorder and/or severe substance use disorder (SUD), including alcoholism, resulting in the person's inability to provide for their basic needs for food, clothing, shelter, personal safety, or necessary medical care.

Current grave disability definition: A condition in which a person, as a result of a mental health disorder, is unable to provide for his or her basic personal needs for food, clothing, or shelter.

NEW* grave disability definition under SB 43:** A condition in which a person, as result of a mental health disorder, **severe substance use disorder or a co-occurring mental health disorder and severe substance use disorder, is at risk for serious harm or currently experiencing serious harm as a result of being unable to provide for their basic needs of food, clothing, shelter, **personal safety*** or **necessary medical care***.

**New/expanded criteria to meet grave disability under SB 43*

Functionally, SB 43 allows people to be placed on 5150's and other involuntary holds based on their severe SUD. This document provides a working definition of how severe SUD may be defined.

- According to DSM-5, severity of SUDs is measured on a continuum based on the number of symptoms present of a total of eleven (11) criteria, with a “severe” diagnosis being defined as when 6 or more of the 11 criteria are present, as noted below.
- “Severe” SUD is defined as a diagnosed substance-related **disorder** that meets the diagnostic criteria of “severe” according to the most current version of Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (now, DSM-5) [§WIC 5008 (o)]
- However, non-clinicians who are LPS designated to place holds (e.g., law enforcement) would not be expected to make a DSM diagnosis for a SUD, but simply need to describe the observable **behavior or conditions**, and/or document the **information** received, consistent with the (simplified) DSM criteria below, and which would meet **probable cause** for detaining someone on a 5150 due to a severe SUD.

DSM-5 Criteria for SUD (simplified)

1. Use in larger amounts or for longer periods of time than intended.
2. Unsuccessful efforts to cut down or quit.
3. Excessive time spent getting, using, intoxicated, and recovering from effects.
4. Craving or Intense desire/urge to use substance.
5. Failure to fulfill major obligations.
6. Continued use despite social/interpersonal problems.
7. Activities/hobbies reduced or given up.
8. Recurrent use in physically hazardous situations.
9. Recurrent use despite physical or psychological problems caused by or worsened by use.
10. Tolerance.
11. Withdrawal.

Mild SUD: 2-3 symptoms Moderate SUD: 4-5 symptoms

Severe SUD: 6+ symptoms

Big picture...

- Many at-risk folks currently served / treated as dual-diagnosed (MH and SUD) = existing psychiatric hospitals
- Increase in 5150 holds?
- Involuntary SUD treatment (alone)?
 - Little evidence base, or tradition, of such (outside of criminal?)
 - Facility types? SB 1238 (Eggman)
 - BHRS plans to expand existing outpatient services... mobile crisis launched this year...
- “SUD only” psychiatric holds... and conservatorships?

Stanislaus County SB43 Implementation Meetings

- **Held Monthly meetings with Community Partners and Stakeholders (Self-Help FCU, 900 Crows Landing Rd., Modesto)**
 - September 23, 2024, 1:00pm - 2:30pm
 - October 28, 2024, 1:00pm - 2:30pm
 - November 13, 2024, 3:00pm – 4:30pm
 - December 11, 2024, 3:00pm – 4:30pm

Agenda Item IV (b) – Informational Items

CARE Court Act

Guest presenter: Kevin Panyanouvong, LCSW Associate Director



CARE COURT

Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Court
Program Overview

WHAT IS CARE COURT?



A new *civil court* process designed to connect individuals with certain mental health diagnoses over a one-to-two-year process with county behavioral health services under the oversight of a judge



CARE Court is NOT:

- Criminal court
- For all mental health conditions
- A solution to homelessness

Who Does This Program Help?



18 years or older



Has diagnosis in disorder class: Schizophrenia Spectrum and Other Psychotic Disorders



Currently experiencing behaviors & symptoms associated with severe mental illness (SMI)



Not clinically stabilized in on-going voluntary treatment



At least one of the following:

- Unlikely to survive safely without supervision and condition is substantially deteriorating
- Needs services & supports to prevent relapse or deterioration, leading to grave disability or harm to others



Participation in a CARE Plan or Agreement is the least restrictive alternative



Likely to benefit from participating in a CARE Plan or Agreement

Who is CARE Court NOT For?

People with conditions other than schizophrenia/psychotic conditions and severe mental illness

Psychosis resulting from:

- Traumatic brain injury
- Autism
- Dementia
- Substance use disorders

Individuals already stabilized in voluntary treatment

Individuals not at risk of relapse or grave disability

WHO ARE THE PARTIES INVOLVED IN CARE COURT?

Petitioner

Files a petition to bring a person who they believe to be eligible into CARE Court. Could be a person or organization.

Respondent

The individual who is the subject of the CARE Court petition.

Court/Judge

Responsible for receipt of petitions, and oversight of the CARE Court process.

County Behavioral Health Agency

Responsible for engaging the respondent, mental health services and supports.

Public Defenders/Legal Aid Attorneys

Responsible for representing the respondent in proceedings.

County Counsel

The county's lawyers.

Who CAN PETITION?

"FAMILY / HOME"

- Person with whom respondent resides
- Spouse, parent, sibling, child, grandparent or other individual in place of a parent
- Respondent (i.e., self-petition)



"COMMUNITY"

- First responder (e.g., peace officer, firefighter, paramedic, mobile crisis response, homeless outreach worker)
- Director of a hospital, or designee, in which respondent is hospitalized (including for 5150s, 5250s)
- Licensed behavioral health professional, or designee treating respondent for mental illness
- Director of a public/charitable organization providing behavioral health services or whose institution respondent resides



"COUNTY"

- County behavioral health director, or designee (e.g., BHRS CARE Court team)
- Public guardian, or designee
- Director of adult protective services, or designee



"TRIBAL JURISDICTION"

- Director of a California Indian health services program, California tribal behavioral health department, or designee
- Judge of a tribal court located in CA, or designee



How TO FILE A PETITION

CONFIDENTIAL CARE-100

<small>ATTORNEY OR PETITIONER WITHOUT ATTORNEY</small> NAME: FIRM NAME: S/MAIL ADDRESS: CITY: TELEPHONE NO.: FAX/A ADDRESS: ATTORNEY FOR (NAME): SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF S/MAIL ADDRESS: MAILING ADDRESS: CITY AND ZIP CODE: BRANCH NAME: CARE ACT PROCEEDINGS FOR (NAME): <small>STATE BAR NUMBER:</small> <small>FOR COURT USE ONLY</small> DRAFT Not approved by the Judicial Council <small>RESPONDENT</small> <small>CASE NUMBER:</small>	
PETITION TO COMMENCE CARE ACT PROCEEDINGS	
<small>For information on completing this form, see <i>Information for Petitioners—About the CARE Act</i> (form CARE-050-INFO).</small>	

1. Petitioner (name):
is 18 years of age or older and (check all that apply):

a. <input type="checkbox"/> A person who lives with respondent. b. <input type="checkbox"/> A spouse or registered domestic partner, parent, sibling, child, or grandparent of respondent. c. <input type="checkbox"/> A person who stands in the place of a parent to respondent. d. <input type="checkbox"/> The director* of a hospital in which respondent is hospitalized. e. <input type="checkbox"/> The director* of a public or charitable organization, agency, or home (1) <input type="checkbox"/> who is or has been, within the past 30 days, providing behavioral health services to respondent; or (2) <input type="checkbox"/> in whose institution respondent resides. f. <input type="checkbox"/> A licensed behavioral health professional* who is or has been, within the past 30 days, treating or supervising the treatment of respondent.	g. <input type="checkbox"/> A first responder, including a peace officer, firefighter, paramedic, emergency medical technician, mobile crisis response worker, or homeless outreach worker who has had repeated interactions with respondent. h. <input type="checkbox"/> The public guardian* or public conservator* of the county named above or a private conservator referred by the court under Welfare and Institutions Code section 5978. i. <input type="checkbox"/> The director* of the county behavioral health agency of the county named above. j. <input type="checkbox"/> The director* of adult protective services of the county named above. k. <input type="checkbox"/> The director* of a California Indian health services program or a California tribal behavioral health department. l. <input type="checkbox"/> A California tribal court judge.* m. <input type="checkbox"/> Respondent.
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* This person may designate someone else to file the petition on their behalf. If the petitioner is a designee, check this category and put designee's name in item 1, above.

2. a. Petitioner asks the court to find that respondent (name):
is eligible to participate in the CARE Act process and to commence CARE Act proceedings for respondent.
b. Petitioner's relationship to respondent (specify and describe relationship):

- Complete petition (CARE-100) – *remember to fill out all requested information*
- Additionally, provide the required documentation:
 - Completed ***Mental Health Declaration*** (CARE-101) from licensed behavioral health provider
- OR -
 - Evidence the respondent was detained for a minimum of two periods of intensive treatment (**aka, WIC 5250 holds**), the most recent one within the previous 60 days

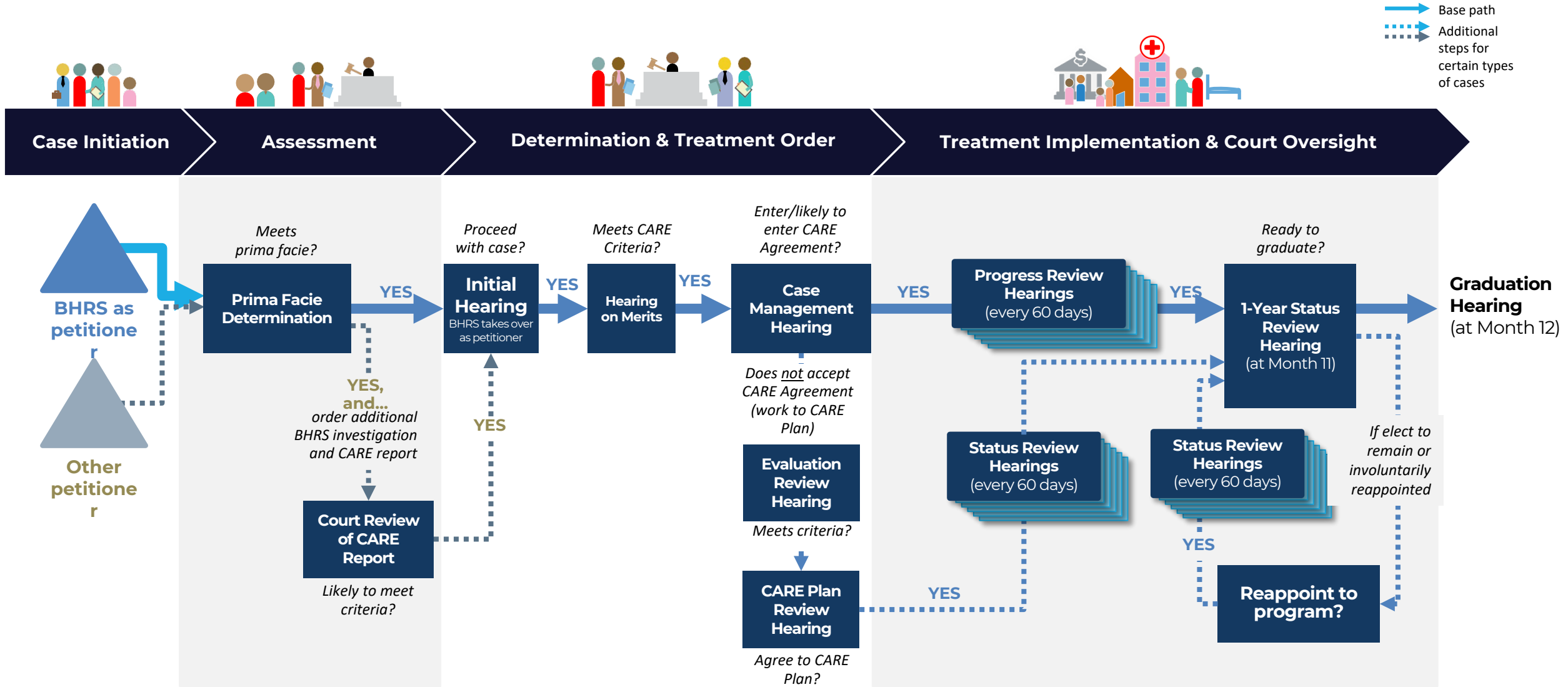
Each County will develop its own filing process.

In Stanislaus County the petitions can be filed in-person at the Stanislaus County Courthouse at the 1100 I St entrance.

E-filing is available

The Self-Help Center will be available to provide assistance to petitioners.

CARE Court



WHAT IS IN A CARE **Agreement/Plan?**



Behavioral Health Services



Medications



Housing Resources



Social Services & Supports

WHAT IS IN A CARE **Agreement/Plan?**



Behavioral Health Services



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Social Services & Supports

CARE PLAN: Medication Orders



Stabilization medications: antipsychotic medications to reduce symptoms of hallucinations, delusions, and disorganized thinking.



Can be court ordered;



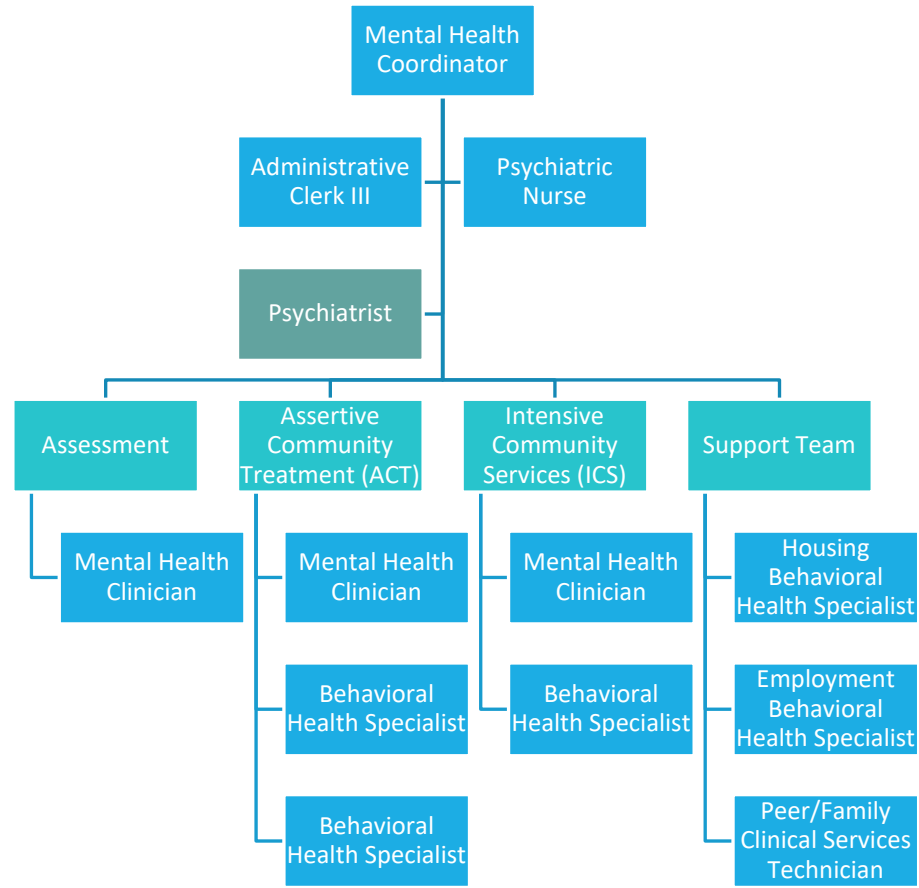
Cannot be forcibly administered; AND,



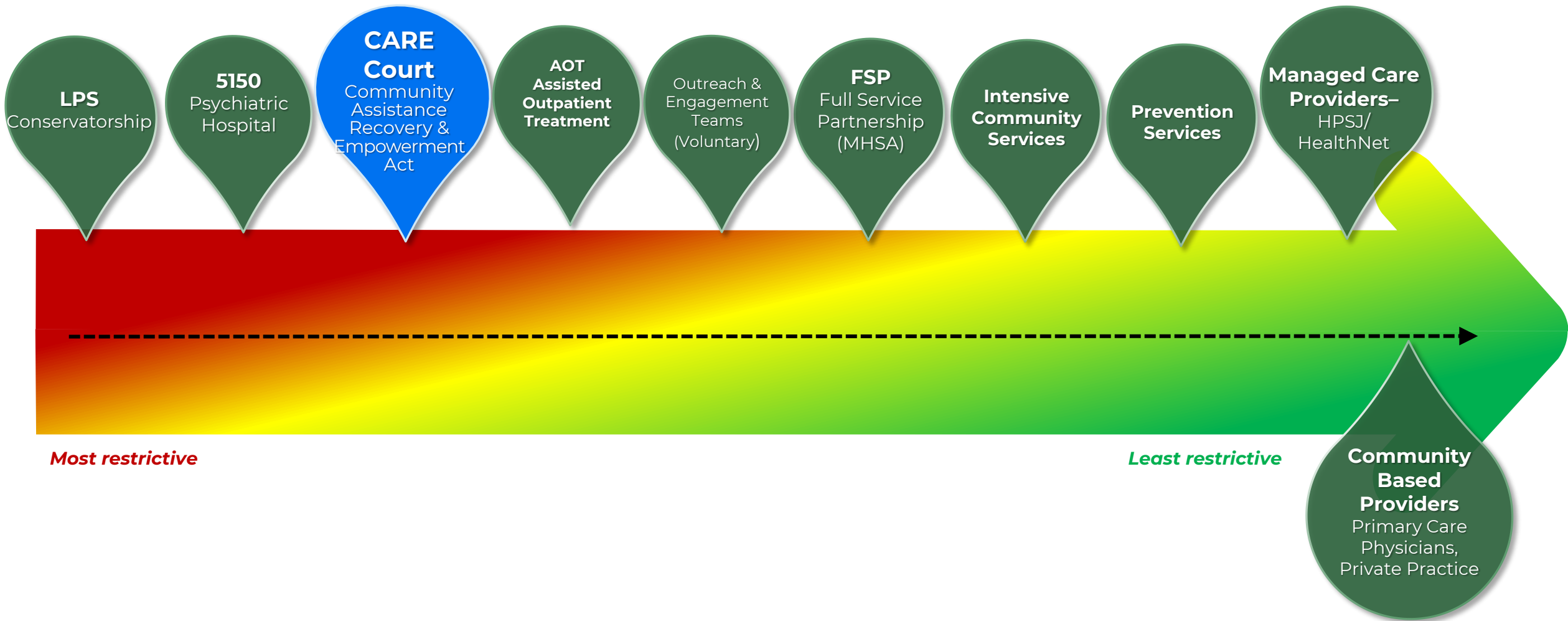
The respondent **cannot be** penalized for failure to comply with medication order.

CARE Court in Stanislaus County

CARE Court BHST



Stanislaus County's Continuum of CARE





BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND RECOVERY SERVICES

Director Tony Vartan, MSW, LCSW

Thank you!

Kevin Panyanouvong, LCSW Associate Director (Kpanyanouvong@stanbhrs.org)

Agenda Item V – General Membership Announcements





Adjournment

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 8, 2025

If you have any questions or comments, please contact CSA-SHA_Email@stancounty.com