

Tips for Court Orders/Judges/MHRO's for the LTSR

Dickinson Restoration Center

- The LTSR is not technically inpatient nor is it outpatient, but more closely resembles inpatient and follows inpatient mental health procedures more closely, but is less secure than an inpatient setting.
- Please consider the level of security needed for the individual as the LTSR is secure, but not the same level of security as Torrance State Hospital or the jail.
- The LTSR may only take individuals per regulations under a voluntary 201 admission or a civil commitment status of a 304c or 305.
- When ordering for involuntary treatment please consider using this language or something similar so as not to name the facility and tie the program to a court order in case there are no beds available or the individual does not meet regulatory requirements:
 “ordered to involuntary residential mental health treatment (or competency restoration) pending bed availability and meeting regulatory requirements for admission”
- Ideally the commitment process would not be initiated until a preliminary acceptance has been provided by the Dickinson Restoration Center.
- Please note the LTSR may not take anyone under a criminal status commitment (Section 402). If competency evaluation is needed a separate order for the evaluation without the 402 commitment will be needed
- In most cases the individuals bail is modified and often individuals are given consideration for “time served” for their time at the LTSR
- In most cases either a probation order indicates a requirement of compliance with mental health treatment and recommendations or an order releasing them from incarceration status to be admitted to the LTSR and a requirement of compliance with mental health treatment and recommendations. (Especially used with voluntary admissions and provides the court system with some legal supervision or jurisdiction with the individuals being admitted.