



# County of Santa Cruz

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May 8, 2001

**AGENDA: May 22, 2001**

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
County of Santa Cruz  
701 Ocean Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

### **Re: UPDATE OF WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE 5150 AUTHORIZATION LIST**

Dear Members of the Board:

California State Law (Welfare and Institutions Code, Section 5150) provides authority for the County Board of Supervisors to designate persons eligible to initiate involuntary 72-hour holds for evaluation and treatment of psychiatrically disabled persons who are considered a danger to themselves, others or who are gravely disabled.

Through previous actions, your Board has established an existing list of positions or persons who are authorized to initiate an involuntary 72-hour hold. This list was last amended on January 10, 1995 and needs to be updated to include current titles and positions of designated personnel.

HSA proposes that the following positions be added to the 5150 designated personnel list:

1. Supervising Corrections Officer and Corrections Sergeant at any County jail facility.
2. Director of Clinical Services and Clinical Supervisor at Front Street.
3. Program Manager, Supervisor, Public Health Nurse II/III and Sr./Jr. Mental Health Client Specialists at the Homeless Persons Health Project.

All personnel who are designated to initiate 5150 holds will have the appropriate training to perform this duty.

A full listing of proposed classifications of personnel authorized to initiate 72-hour holds is included with this letter as Attachment A.

It is, therefore, RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Approve the revised list of personnel who are authorized to initiate 72-hour holds within the County of Santa Cruz as indicated on Attachment A.

Sincerely,

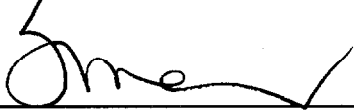


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Health Services Administrator

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Attachments: Personnel Authorized to Initiate 72-Hour Holds in the County of Santa Cruz

RECOMMENDED



Susan Mauriello  
County Administrative Officer

cc: County Administrative Officer  
County Counsel  
Sheriff  
HSA Administration  
Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services  
Homeless Persons Health Project  
State Department of Mental Health  
Front St., Inc.  
Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center  
Watsonville Hospital  
Dominican Hospital  
University of California, Santa Cruz

## **Personnel Authorized to Initiate 72-Hour Holds in the County of Santa Cruz**

### Peace Officers

### Mental Health Staff:

- Psychiatrists
- Clinical Psychologists
- Mental Health Client Specialists
- Supervising and Senior Mental Health Client Specialists
- Mental Health Program Managers
- Mental Health Director
- Mental Health Nurse
- Mental Health Program Chief
- Licensed Clinical Mental Health staff

### Dominican Santa Cruz Hospital Staff:

- Medical Director
- Psychiatrists
- Psychologists (who are full members of the Dominican Medical staff)
- Psychiatric Social Workers, Dominican Mental Health Unit
- Registered Nurses, Dominican Mental Health Unit
- Psychiatrist who provide formal consultation at Dominican and Watsonville hospitals

### University of California of Santa Cruz:

- Clinical Director of Counseling Center
- Chief Psychiatrist

### Other Professionals:

- Hospital Emergency Room Physicians (Dominican & Watsonville Hospitals)
- Santa Cruz Community Counseling Center (SCCCC): Executive Director, Program Director, counselors, and supervisors; and
  - El Dorado Center: Program Director, Clinical Director, Social Worker, and Treatment Team Leaders
  - Community Support Services: Program Director, Clinical Director, Social Worker, Treatment Team Leaders
  - River Street Shelter: Manager and counselors
- Supervising Corrections Officer and Corrections Sergeant at any Santa Cruz County Jail facility
- Willowbrook Residential Facility, Front St., Inc.: Director of Clinical Services and Clinical Supervisor
- Homeless Persons Health Project Staff: Program Manager, Supervisor, Public Health Nurse II, Public Health Nurse III, and Sr./Jr. MH Client Specialists

The following persons are authorized to complete and sign a P.C. 4011.6 form (equivalent to 5150, for inmates or defendants):

- Judges

NOTE: A detention 5150 Order authorizes transportation of a citizen to an involuntary facility for evaluation; It is “not” equivalent to admission authority.

Policies and Procedures for “waiving” Detention 5150 Orders will be followed; as will those for evaluating P.C. 4011.6 clients and for routine admissions.

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