

2nd District Request for Proposals for Examiners

Questions and Answers

Question	Answer
Will there be more than one contract awarded or contractor utilized?	No
Would a contractor be allowed to offer fewer days per week during the initial few months of the contract, and then increase after the first few months?	No
Total number of civil commitment proceedings from 01/01/13 to 01/01/15 (not total cases reviewed by the prepetition screening team).	Total number of hearings for all case types during this period was 6,784.
Number of general civil commitment cases within that time period (mental illness, chemical dependency, developmental delay, or various combinations).	Number of general civil commitment cases totaled 1,395 during this period (does not include MI&D, SPP or SDP cases)
Number of commitment extensions or recommitments within that time period.	301 recommitments (we do not systematically track "extensions".)
Number of civil commitment cases arising from Rule 20.01 incompetency within that period.	Unable to provide this number- not systematically tracked.
Number of 0.17 (respondent initiated petition) hearings within that period.	Unable to provide this number – not systematically tracked.
What hold hospitals do you, typically, utilize to house the proposed patient prior to formal civil commitment hearings?	This varies, and will depend on original hospital stay or where petitioner currently receiving treatment when petition filed. Hospitals within the Ramsey county area include Regions, United, and St. Joseph's.
Does the court appoint a civil commitment examiner in cases other than <u>new commitment petitions</u> ? (i.e. extension/recommitment cases; revocation hearings; 0.17 reviews (respondent initiated petition)	Yes
Statute now allows in Rule 20.01/.02 examinations to conduct a parallel commitment assessment (20.04). In those cases, and if Rule 20 examinations are conducted by a different group of examiners, would the rostered civil commitment examiner(s) under this RFP be, potentially, appointed as a second examiner if the respondent requested such?	This is not likely to occur.

<p>Does the court desire/demand that the examiner see the proposed patient prior to the hold (preliminary hearing) to provide an opinion whether the individual should be held or released pending the final commitment hearing; and to provide, at least, a verbal opinion as to diagnostic findings and dispositional recommendations that might then allow respondent's counsel to request a second examiner were that their choice?</p> <p>Thus, not requiring a continuance were the second examiner request made at the final hearing.</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Does the court, in extreme cases, allow the examiner to provide testimony through ITV or telephone?</p>	<p>Not at this time.</p>
<p>If the examiner were unable to attend, i.e. illness, unexpected delays, or vacation, would it be the rostered examiner(s)' responsibility to arrange coverage for that interim period; or would court administration have alternative examiners available under those special circumstances?</p>	<p>The existing contract states that such coverage is the responsibility of the examiner.</p>
<p>Does the Second Judicial Court Administration prefer an hourly rate remuneration for clinical forensic services rendered; or do they prefer a single case cost that would cover all rendered forensic, travel and testimony services?</p>	<p>Exam rates for MI cases are presently based on a per exam rate, otherwise state policy is followed for services including MI&D, SDP and SPP exams and all testimony and travel.</p>
<p>It appears, in the preliminary information reviewed, that afternoons are preferred times for scheduling the hearings. The preliminary hearing has the more urgent scheduling need (within three days); the commitment hearing is somewhat more flexible (approximately two weeks from the filing of the petition).</p> <p>Does the court, then, meet every afternoon; or would the court be able to meet two or three afternoons per week to manage both the preliminary hearing and final hearings scheduled?</p>	<p>The present schedule includes the following: exams every Monday morning, and at other times throughout the week as needed, except Fridays. Preliminary hearings are scheduled Monday afternoon, Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon, and trials are scheduled Tuesday morning, Wednesday afternoon, Thursday morning, and if needed, Friday.</p>
<p>Are the commitment hearings still being held at Regions Hospital or is there an alternative, designated courthouse location?</p>	<p>All hearings are held in the new commitment court, located at 402 University Ave, St. Paul.</p>