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FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE/MENTAL HEALTH
FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT

In Re: The Matter of Pending MSRA Cases

**STANDING ORDER
REGARDING RESPONDENTS
WITH MRSA**

Because Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) is a highly contagious pathogen causing healthcare-associated infections, and

Because the Mental Health Court in Hennepin County periodically receives commitment petitions involving respondents who are hospital patients infected with MRSA, and

Because, this Court seeks to establish protective measures for court personnel, the Hennepin County Sheriff's Department, and respondents in other cases from becoming infected,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that in cases involving respondents infected with MSRA:

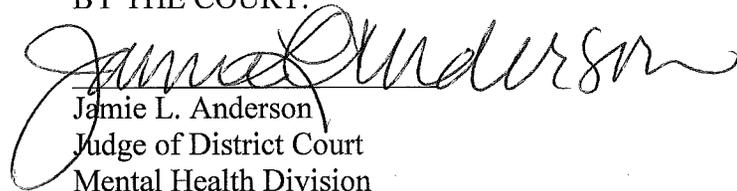
1. The Hennepin County Sheriff's Department shall not transport the respondent to the Hennepin County Government Center for any trial or hearing.
2. The respondent shall not appear for any trial or hearing at the Hennepin County Government Center regardless of whether or not alternative transportation is arranged.
3. Hearings will not be held at the hospital.
4. A trial or hearing may be held with the respondent appearing (from the hospital) via telephone or video. In such cases, the defense attorney shall have the discretion of appearing from the hospital or in the courtroom itself.
5. No court appointed examiner shall be required to conduct his or her examination in person but may elect to conduct the exam via telephone or video.

6. Unless a hearing is conducted as provided for in paragraph No. 4 above, or as otherwise agreed upon by all participants, all commitment hearings in cases involving respondents infected with MRSA shall be continued for good cause until such time as the respondent is medically cleared of MRSA by his/her the treating physician.
7. The respondent shall be deemed ready for transport once three (3) consecutive negative MRSA screen tests have been conducted, and respondent's treating physician submits a letter to the Court with the test results and medically clears the respondent of MRSA.
8. These provisions shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the presiding judge of Hennepin County Probate/Mental Health Court.

Dated:

6/12/13

BY THE COURT:



Jamie L. Anderson
Judge of District Court
Mental Health Division
JLA/CNJ