

Types of Facilities and Staff Relations

13007.1 FACILITY TYPES

(a) Board and Care

1. This type of facility is typically unlocked. These are private facilities contracted by the Public Guardian's Office to house higher functioning patients. The patients housed here may come or go as they please during the day. Meals are provided for the patient and medications are distributed to them daily.
2. Patients in B&C facilities have the means to pick-up and carry restricted items and should be "searched" before placing them in the van.

(b) Room & Board

1. This type of facility is typically unlocked. The patients housed here generally rent a room and may come or go as they please. Meals are provided for the patient and medications are distributed to them daily.
2. Patients in Room and Board facilities have the means to pick-up and carry restricted items and should be "searched" before placing them in the van.

(c) State

1. This type of facility is locked. The patients are housed according to their illness type and its severity. These facilities are secured by the State Department of Corrections and are very secure.
2. The Public Guardians Office and various other state agencies house patients in these facilities. These patients are usually the extreme cases. (The most violent or sexually deviant.) Private facilities can refuse to house individual patients based on past behavior. When this occurs these patients end up in state hospitals.

(d) Private

1. This type of facility is locked. The patients are typically housed together on large units and share semi-private rooms.
2. The Public Guardians Office and private conservators house patients in various stages of their illness in these facilities.
3. Many of these facilities have both acute (intensive care) wards and high functioning (day pass) wards.

13007.2 STAFF RELATIONS

(a) Hospital Staff

1. Doctors, nurses and mental health workers make up the majority of the staff at facilities that Officers will communicate with daily.
 - i. They will prepare the patients for court, provide meals and medications and will notify officers of any problem behavior.

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(b) Court Staff

1. Court staff is responsible for ruling on hearings, maintaining the court calendar and coordinating the efforts of numerous agencies and individuals to get their clients and cases before the court on a daily basis.

(c) Public Guardian

1. Deputy Public Guardians are assigned by the court to ensure a patient is housed, clothed and fed. They also rate care facilities and contract with them to house Orange County patients. They act as case workers for the patients who are assigned to them. They also investigate families or private persons who offer to act as a conservator (care giver) to persons on conservatorship.

(d) Public Defender

1. The public defender's office is assigned to represent all patients who cannot afford or choose not to engage private counsel.
 - i. The court does not allow persons with mental illness to represent themselves.

(e) County Counsel

1. They are County of Orange Lawyers. They represent every county agency in one capacity or another. In this instance, they represent the Public Guardian's Office on matters pertaining to involuntary confinement, conservatorships and medical petitions.