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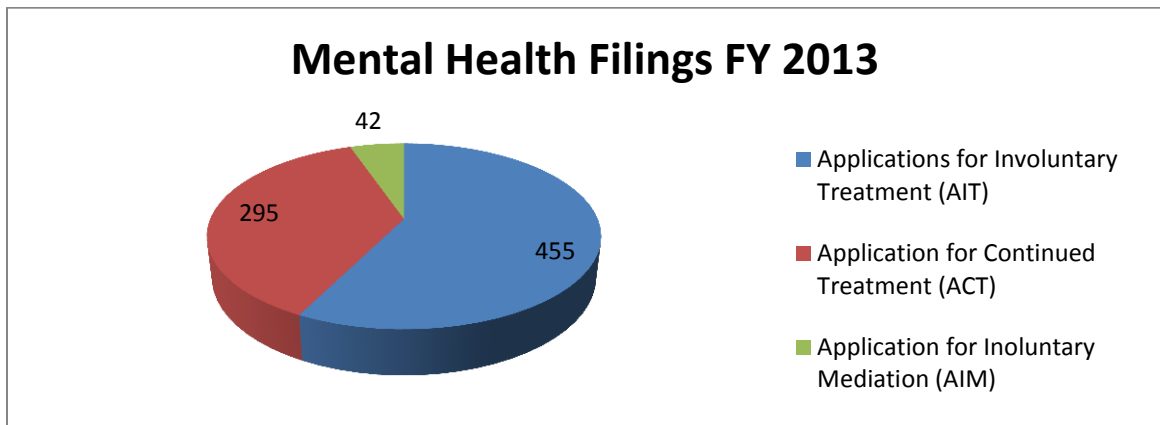
To: Senate Judiciary and Health and Welfare Committees

From: Amy M. Davenport, Administrative Judge

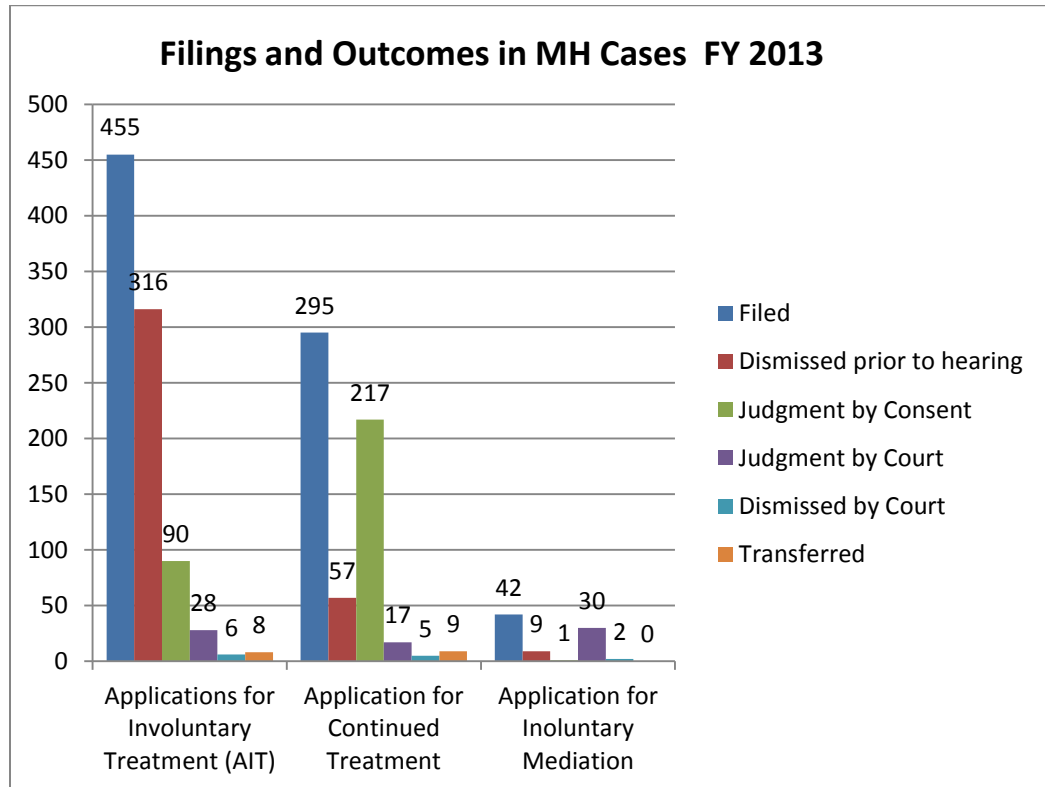
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Re: Filing Trends in Mental Health Proceedings; S.287

1. Mental Health Filings in FY 2013



2. Filings and Outcomes in FY 2013



3. Filing Trends in Medication Cases: 2008 – 2013: Calendar Year

DIVISION	Family
CASE TYPE	Mental Health
CASE SUB-TYPE	Involuntary Medication

Cases Filed UNIT	CALENDAR YEAR					
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Addison	0	0	0	1	0	0
Chittenden	0	0	0	4	12	13
Lamoille	2	1	0	0	0	14
Orange	0	3	0	1	0	1
Rutland	0	0	0	3	15	15
Washington	24	30	31	27	0	0
Windham	0	0	0	5	18	23
Grand Total	26	34	31	41	45	66

- **154% Increase in Medication filings since 2008**

4. Causes of Delay in Mental Health Cases

- a. Delays are far more likely in the AIT Process than the AIM process
 - i. Medication Cases: median time to decision is 10 days
 - ii. AIT cases: median time to decision is 40 days
- b. Sources of Delay in AIT cases
 - i. Inability to Schedule Independent Evaluation within 20 day period
 - ii. Inability to get Discovery in a timely fashion – medical records from hospital and Community Mental Health Center
 - iii. Request for a Guardian Ad Litem for the Patient
 - iv. Unavailability of a Doctor or a key fact witness
 - v. Stipulated Requests to Continue hearing because a stipulated resolution is in the works