# Vermont Process for Involuntary Commitment and Involuntary Medication

Phase

## Outpatient Services

Individual Identified as "A person in need of treatment."

Application for Emergency Examination ("First Paper")

- Application by "Interested Party" Form MH-11 and MH11A
- Physician's Certificate Form MH-11B and MH11C

Law allows for "a physician" although the form indicates a psychiatrist

Bed Search

Contact DMH

Acceptance of the patient for inpatient admission by a receiving hospital

Transport to a Designated Hospital

## Inpatient Services / Committment

Admission

Application for Emergency Examination – Continued ("2nd Paper")
Must be completed by a **psychiatrist**

- Physician's Certificate Form MH-11D and MH11E

Must be done by the end of the "next business day."

Application Involuntary Treatment
Must be completed by a **psychiatrist**

- Application for Involuntary Treatment

Must be filed with the court within 72-hours of completion of form MH-11E

Probable Cause Review

Optional Probable Cause Hearing

Motion for Expedited Hearing

Judicial Hearing on AIT Application
7-10 days (expedited)
20 Days from filing

Judicial Ruling on AIT
Usually within 3 Days but not defined

## Inpatient Services / Involuntary Meds

Application for Non-Emergency Involuntary Medication
Must be completed by a psychiatrist

- Application for Non-Emergency Involuntary Medication

~~Cannot be filed until after final ruling on the AIT~~

May be filed after AIT

Judicial hearing on Involuntary Med Application

7 days from filing or consolidated with AIT

Involuntary med decision

No set timeframe

~~Automatic 30-Day Stay~~

~~Automatic Stay Pending Approval~~

Motion to Stay in Family Court

Motion to Stay or Vacate in Supreme Court

Final Decision