

HELPFUL RESOURCES and/or NUMBERS:

Hospitals with Adult Psychiatric Units & E.R.:

Baptist Downtown (Geriatric)

111 Dallas St. (210) 297-2000

Northeast Baptist Hospital

8811 Village Dr. (210) 297-2000

Nix Heritage (Geriatric)

414 Navarro St. (210) 271-1008

Methodist Specialty & Transplant

8026 Floyd Curl Dr. (210) 575-0500

Southwest General Hospital

7400 Barlite (210) 921-2000

University Hospital

4502 Medical Dr. (210) 358-4000

**Free Standing Psychiatric Hospitals without
Emergency Rooms**

Nix Behavioral Health Ctr. (Adult, Child & Adolescent)

1975 Babcock Rd. (210) 579-3800

Nix Specialty Health Ctr.

4330 Vance Jackson (210) 579-3800

San Antonio Behavioral Health (Adult & Adolescent)

8550 Huebner Rd. (210) 541-5300

Laurel Ridge Treatment Ctr. (Adult & Adolescent)

17720 Corporate Woods Dr. (210) 491-9400

San Antonio State Hospital (Adult & Adolescent)

6711 S. New Braunfels Ave. (210) 532-8811

Clarity Child Guidance Ctr. (Child & Adolescent)

8535 Tom Slick Dr. (210) 616-0300

CENTER FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES

601 N. Frio St. (Adult Crisis Center) (210) 225-5481

Crisis line: Adult and Children (210) 223-7233

Mobile Crisis Outreach Team (MCOT):

(210) 223-7233-Non-emergency

Bexar County Clerk's Mental Health Dept.

300 Dolorosa, Basement (210) 335-2536

Assistant District Attorney for Mental Health

(210) 335-2311

Bexar County Mental Health Public Defender:

(210) 335-1413 or (210) 335-0828

BEXAR COUNTY PROBATE COURTS

Bexar County Probate Court No. 1

Judge Oscar J. Kazen

100 Dolorosa, Ste. 117

(210) 335-2546

Bexar County Probate Court No. 2

Judge Veronica Vasquez

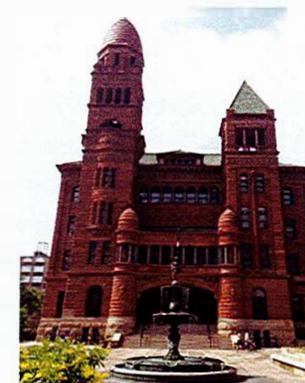
100 Dolorosa, Ste. 123

(210) 335-2670

**MENTAL ILLNESS
CRISIS
INFORMATION**



**Judge Oscar J. Kazen
Probate Court No. 1
Bexar County, Texas
Mental Health**



Prepared as a public service to provide a brief overview of the systems in place to assist in a mental health crisis and not intended as a substitute for legal advice.

Mental Illness can affect anyone. For some, mental illness becomes chronic, lasting a lifetime, and others may experience life threatening episodes. You may know someone who is unaware, unwilling or unable to seek help on their own and you feel because of their mental illness, they or others are in danger.

Warning signs of a mental illness crisis are specific to the individual and may vary. For example: statements or behavior indicating mental illness is overwhelming to the point that the person is so gravely ill that they are not able to provide for their own basic needs; or they are having an unusual preoccupation with death, expressions or behaviors of self-injury or harm to others.

Admission to a mental health hospital can be accomplished either voluntarily or involuntarily. A person 16 years of age or older, a parent, managing conservator or guardian of a person younger than 18 years of age, may consent to mental health services.

Getting Help:

1. **Call Law Enforcement/911** if you are afraid for yourself or others because someone you know is diagnosed with a mental illness and is posing a substantial risk of serious harm to self or others. Call 911 and ask for a trained mental health officer. Both the Bexar County Sheriff's Office & San Antonio Police Department have Mental Health units.
2. If transportation can be **safely arranged**, take the patient to the nearest Emergency Room or Crisis Center for help.

3. The Center for Healthcare Services (CHCS) offers a 24-hour crisis line for Adults and Children, and may be contacted at (210) 223-7233. For non-emergency Adult intake, call (210) 261-1250; for non-emergency Children intake, call (210) 261-3350.
4. **Mental Health Warrant:** If you believe the patient poses a danger to themselves or others, and there is time to file and serve a Mental Health Warrant, you may obtain an application for a Mental Health Warrant, during normal business hours, from the Bexar County Clerk's Mental Health Department, located in the basement of the Cadena-Reeves Justice Center, 300 Dolorosa, San Antonio, Texas 78205.

The law requires specific information from your personal observations and experience with the person that would make the Court believe there is a **substantial risk of serious harm to self or others if not immediately detained** for evaluation. You will be asked to provide a specific description of the patient's behavior, when it occurred and why you believe there is a danger to the patient or others. The Judge may contact you with follow-up questions.

Weapons or violent tendencies: Always tell the officer, or state in the application, whether the person has access to weapons, if the person is violent, the location of the person, if the patient has expressed a desire to die at the hands of the police, or other information describing the dangerousness of the situation.

Once the application is completed, and filed with the Bexar County Mental Health Clerk, the application is processed and presented to the

Judge. The Judge will review the application and make a decision as to whether **there is a substantial risk of serious harm to self or others if not immediately detained**. This is the same criteria used when you call 911.

If the application is approved, a warrant is issued, and the Bexar County Sheriff's Mental Health Unit will serve the warrant by going to the proposed patient's location, listed in the application.

Evaluation: Once the person is detained, either with or without a mental health warrant, the person is transported to an appropriate, available, mental health facility for assessment and evaluation.

The Court is unaware of the results of the evaluation unless further paperwork is filed by the evaluating doctor.

Discharge: At any time, should the physician determine the person no longer needs inpatient mental health services; the physician will discharge the patient. This is true for those hospitalized voluntarily or involuntarily.

Involuntary Hearings: A Probable Cause hearing is the first hearing in the civil commitment process, and held every Monday and Thursday at 9:30 a.m. in the courtroom on the grounds of San Antonio State Hospital (SASH) 6711 S. New Braunfels Ave., San Antonio, TX 78223. Entry is through the side door. Should the person require a longer period of time in the hospital, a Commitment hearing for Temporary Mental Health Services is held every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. in the same courtroom at SASH.