

**PROCEDURES FOR INVOLUNTARY MENTAL HEALTH COMMITMENT
FORT BEND COUNTY**

1. Locate a facility that will accept the patient.
Cypress Creek Hospital 281-586-5956
Intracare North Hospital 281-893-7200
2. If the patient has no insurance or no private facility will accept the patient, contact **Texana Center** at 800-633-5686 for a commitment to **Austin State Hospital (ASH)**.
3. Go to the Justice of the Peace for the precinct where the patient lives to obtain a mental health warrant (call first):
 - a. JP 1, Place 1 – Needville: 281-342-7807
 - b. JP 1, Place 2 – Richmond: 281-341-3742
 - c. JP 2 – Missouri City: 281-403-8080
 - d. JP 3 – Sugar Land: 281-494-7169
 - e. JP 4 – Sugar Land: 281-491-6016
4. When completing the Application for a mental health warrant, make certain you have the name and telephone number for the facility for confirmation by the **Sheriff's Office** that the facility is expecting this patient.
5. If the mental health warrant is issued, the warrant will be sent to the Sheriff (or Texana) and arrangements will be made for the transport of the patient to the facility.
6. If the facility is in Harris County, the commitment will most likely take place in Harris County (not Fort Bend County) because it is difficult for the doctors in Harris County to travel to Fort Bend County for the hearings. Therefore, *you may be sent to the Harris County Attorney's Office for further handling.*
7. If the only facility available to the patient is Austin State Hospital, the commitment will take place in Austin and Travis County will handle the proceedings.
8. If the patient is incarcerated for a violent offense, no commitment can take place until the patient is released from jail.
9. For more information, contact the **Fort Bend County Attorney's Office** at 281-341-4555.