

Great Rivers Behavioral Health Administrative Services Organization

Policy Title:	Tribal Coordination for Crisis and Involuntary Treatment Act Evaluation Services	Policy No. 6016.00
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POLICY

- 1.1. Great Rivers BH-ASO participates in Tribal coordination for crisis and involuntary treatment act (ITA) evaluation services.
- 1.2. Great Rivers BH-ASO's crisis services providers, which provide crisis intervention and ITA services in a county or counties with Tribal lands, will ensure services provided to Tribal members or other Individuals on Tribal land(s) are consistent with the established Crisis Coordination Plan.
- 1.3. Crisis Coordination Plans will be developed and implemented in collaboration with the Tribes and the crisis provider(s) in Great Rivers BH-ASO's Regional Service Area (RSA) to ensure equal access to behavioral health services for American Indians/Alaska Natives.

DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. American Indian/Alaska Native (AI/AN) means any individual defined at 25 USC § 1603(13), § 1603(28), or § 1679(a), or who has been determined eligible as an Indian, under 42 C.F.R. § 136.12. This means the individual is a member of a federally recognized Indian tribe or resides in an urban center and meets one or more of the following criteria: Is a member of a tribe, band, or other organized group of Indians, including those tribes, bands, or groups terminated since 1940 and those recognized now or in the future by the state in which they reside, or who is descendant, in the first or second degree, of any such member; Is an Eskimo or Aleut or other Alaska Native; Is considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian for any purpose; or Is determined to be an Indian under regulations issued by the Secretary. The term AI/AN also includes an individual who is considered by the Secretary of the Interior to be an Indian for any purpose or is considered by the Secretary of Health and Human Services to be

an Indian for purposes of eligibility for Indian health care services, including as a California Indian, Eskimo, Aleut, or other Alaska Native.

- 2.2. "Tribal Land" means any territory within the state of Washington over which a Tribe has legal jurisdiction, including any lands held in trust for the Tribe by the federal government.

PROCEDURES

3.3. Tribal Coordination for Crisis and ITA Evaluation Services

3.3.1. Great Rivers BH-ASO will maintain an annual crisis coordination plan for providing crisis and ITA evaluations on Tribal Lands within its RSA.

3.3.2. Great Rivers BH-ASO will submit the crisis coordination plan to HCA's Tribal Liaison no later than July 1, 2020.

3.3.2.1. The crisis coordination plan will outline a procedure and timeframe for:

3.3.2.1.1. Evaluating the crisis coordination plan's efficacy and

3.3.2.1.2. Reviewing or modifying the crisis coordination plan to the satisfaction of all parties.

3.3.3. Great Rivers BH-ASO will develop the crisis coordination plan in partnership with the Tribal entities in the RSA. If Great Rivers BH-ASO and the Tribe are unable to develop a crisis coordination plan together, HCA will be notified to help both the Tribe and Great Rivers BH-ASO reach an understanding.

3.3.4. Meetings will be conducted in accordance with the HCA government-to-government relationship with Washington Tribes.

3.3.5. The crisis coordination plan will include a procedure for crisis responders and non-Tribal Designated Crisis Responders (DCR) to access Tribal lands to provide services, including crisis response and ITA evaluations. The crisis coordination plan will include:

3.3.5.1. Any notifications and authority needed to provide services for evening, holiday, and weekend access to Tribal lands if different than business.

3.3.5.2. A process to notify Tribal authorities when crisis services are provided on Tribal land, especially on weekends, holidays, and after business hours and must identify who is notified and timeframe for the notification.

3.3.5.3. A description of how crisis responders will coordinate with Tribal Mental Health providers and others identified in the crisis coordination plan and how service coordination and debriefing with any Tribal mental health providers will occur after a Crisis Service has been provided.

- 3.3.5.4. The process when a DCR and Tribal mental health providers determine whether to detain or not for Involuntary Commitment.
 - 3.3.5.5. If ITA evaluations cannot be conducted on Tribal land, the crisis coordination plan shall specify how and by whom Individuals will be transported to non-Tribal lands for ITA evaluations and detentions, and to a licensed Evaluation and Treatment Facility.
 - 3.3.5.6. Specify where Individuals will be held and under what authority if no E&T or secure withdrawal management and stabilization beds are available.
- 3.4. Tribal Designated Crisis Responders (DCRs)
- 3.4.1. Upon Great Rivers BH-ASO's authority to designate DCRs, and upon request, Great River BH-ASO will assist and designate at least one (1) person from each Tribe within Great Rivers BH-ASO's RSA as a Tribal Designated Crisis Responder, subject to the following requirements:
 - 3.4.1.1. The potential Tribal DCR must meet all the requirements as a Designated Crisis Responder in accordance with RCW 71.05.020, 71.24.025 and 71.34.020;
 - 3.4.1.2. The request for designation of a potential Tribal DCR person must be made in writing to Great River BH-ASO from the Tribal Authority;
 - 3.4.1.3. If Great Rivers BH-ASO's RSA includes multiple Tribes, and upon written request from all the affected Tribes, Tribes may elect to share Tribal DCRs;
 - 3.4.1.4. The decision-making authority of the DCR must be independent of Great Rivers BH-ASO's administration and the Tribal Authority.
 - 3.4.2. Great Rivers BH-ASO will enable any Tribal DCR to shadow with and receive on-the-job training from a DCR employed by a DCR provider agency that is contracted with Great Rivers BH-ASO.
 - 3.4.3. Great Rivers BH-ASO will actively engage and include Tribal DCRs in the regional work on Crisis Services collaborative groups, trainings, and policy impacts within their RSA and as provided to other crisis and DCR service providers.
 - 3.4.4. In the event Great Rivers BH-ASO and Tribal Authority are unable to reach agreement on a methodology to designate a Tribal DCRs, including hiring, funding and operational processes, written documentation must be provided to the HCA contract manager.

- 3.4.4.1. Documentation must include names of those participating in the planning discussions from both parties and barriers or issues that remain unresolved.
- 3.4.4.2. HCA will work with both parties to attempt to resolve issues and provide technical assistance where needed. This may include a facilitated executive level meeting between both parties.
- 3.5. Great Rivers BH-ASO will make arrangements for AI/AN representation on Great Rivers BH-ASO Committees and on the Advisory Board.
- 3.6. Great Rivers BH-ASO will make trainings provided by DSHS Office of Indian Affairs available to Great Rivers BH-ASO Staff and Provider Agencies.

POLICY SIGNATURE

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