

[Draft 4/19/06] Agenda
Involuntary Commitment Training - Protecting Civil Rights
Maple Hill Farm Conference Center
June 13, 2006

- 8:30 Sign-in
- 9:00 Introductions
Moderator: Chris Robinson
- 9:15 Maine's Mental Health System
- An overview of the philosophy guiding Maine's adult mental health system, and individualized planning, services, and resources available before, during, and after hospitalization
Speaker: State MH official
- 9:45 Involuntary Commitment - A Personal Perspective
- A discussion of the impact of hospitalization on those who are hospitalized involuntarily
Speaker: Laura Wilder
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 Mental Health Commitment Law
- An overview of the operation of current statutes, Consent Decree implementation plan, applicable case law, and recent changes to the statute
- Video illustrations
 - Jurisdiction issues
 - Mentally ill definition
Speaker: Kathy Greason
Panel: Judge Perry, defense attorney, Chris Leighton
- 12:00 Lunch Break
- 12:45 Likelihood of Serious Harm
- A discussion of the junction between the law and clinical judgment, and the divergence of likelihood of serious harm from best interest of the patient
- Video illustrations
 - Harm to self
 - Harm to others
Panel: Judge Perry, defense attorney, Chris Leighton, Laura Wilder, Barbara Cox(confirmed), Mary Marshall Overstreet
- 2:00 Defending the Patient
- A discussion of the fundamentals of representing hospitalized patients at involuntary commitment hearings, including ethical obligations with respect to representation of patients whose judgment is affected by their illness
- Video illustrations
 - Recent actions and behaviors
 - Best available, least restrictive alternative
 - Treatment plan
Panel: Judge Perry, Chris Leighton, defense attorney, Helen Bailey(confirmed), Chuck Robinson (Chris L to confirm), Laura Wilder
- 3:15 Questions and Closing Remarks
Moderator: Chris Leighton