



RAMSEY COUNTY RULE 20 TOWN HALL

SEPTEMBER 22, 2020



Disclaimers

- This Town Hall is being recorded.
- We are recording for documentation and language/translation purposes.
- We cannot get into specifics about client cases or discuss private and confidential information about residents we serve on this Town Hall.

Town Hall Agenda

- Housekeeping
- Opening Remarks
- Rule 20 Overview
- Discussion with Community
- Closing & Next Steps

Virtual Town Hall Agreements

- Keep your phone and/or device on mute if you are not speaking.
- Listen actively -- respect others when they are talking.
- Speak from your own experience instead of generalizing ("I" instead of "they," "we," and "you").
- Do not be afraid to respectfully challenge one another by asking questions but refrain from personal attacks -- focus on ideas.
- Participate to the fullest of your ability -- community growth depends on the inclusion of every individual voice.
- The goal is not to agree -- it is to gain a deeper understanding.
- Step up and Step Back!

Town Hall Purpose & Expectations

- The purpose of today's meeting is to work with community as we develop a response to appropriately meet the needs of residents who need mental health support and are interacting with our legal systems.
- We understand that this is a complex issue that impacts us all. We want to ensure that everyone has a voice and that we work together to ensure that we have programs and resources that benefit our Ramsey County community.
- Ramsey County will work to act on and be responsive to the needs and questions of community through action, follow-up, and updates on progress.



Opening Remarks



RULE 20

Overview



What Is Competency To Stand Trial?

A person may not plead, be tried, or sentenced if they lack the ability to:

- Rationally consult with counsel
- Understand what is happening in court and
- Participate in their defense because of a mental illness or cognitive impairment.

This would violate their rights to a fair trial.

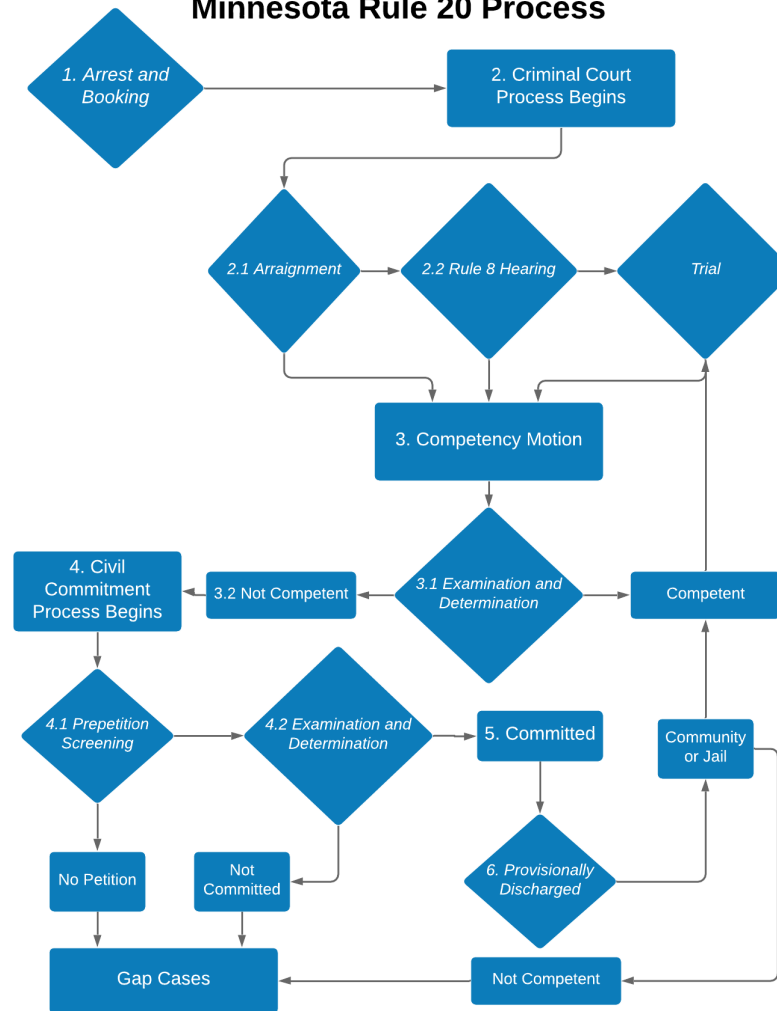
Competency Motion and Examination

- The judge, or either attorney raises the question of a defendant's competency.
- Proceedings are suspended.
- The judge orders a competency examination.
- This examination:
 - must be completed within 60 days
 - may take place in the jail, out-of-custody in the community, or in a hospital
 - must be done by a court appointed psychiatrist or psychologist, called a "court examiner."
- The examiner reports their opinion back to the court and the judge decides.

Incompetent to Stand Trial

- Charges are suspended (some may be dismissed based on level and time)
- Civil Commitment proceedings start
- New court (civil), new judge, new county attorney, new defense attorney (if public defender)
- A person can go a lot of a different ways from here
- Two elements to competency restoration:
 - Mental Health Treatment
 - Competency Education

Minnesota Rule 20 Process



The Gaps

- A person is incompetent, but does not meet the standard for commitment
- A person is committed in the community where there are no competency restoration programs
- A person is committed inpatient to a DHS hospital (Anoka, or Forensic Services in St. Peter) but they are provisionally discharged before they regain competency

The Issues

- People sit in jail
- It's hard to find or maintain placements
- There is no competency restoration in the community
- We “lose” people in the community either before examination or if they do not meet the standard for commitment

Questions?



Community Conversation



**Community
Questions?**



Question #1

When thinking about residents, What services have generated change for clients?

**Community
Questions?**



Question #2

When thinking about residents living with mental health needs, What supports could have helped an individual's interaction with police?

**Community
Questions?**

Question #3

How can we make services more accessible?

**Community
Questions?**

Question #4

Do you feel that the services currently in place, meet the holistic needs of Ramsey County residents?

**Community
Questions?**

Community Resources



Community Resources

- Possible referrals to psychiatry, therapy, and groups around mental and chemical health. Please contact the Ramsey County Welcome Center at 651-266-7890. Address 1919 University Ave, Suite 200, St Paul MN 55104.
- Questions regarding Adult Mental Health Case Management services. Please contact Adult Mental Health at 651-266-4401. Address 160 E Kellogg Blvd, St Paul, MN 55101.
- Concerns regarding imminent safety of an individual, please contact Ramsey County Urgent Care at 651-266-7900 or 911. Address 402 University Ave E, St Paul, MN 55130.



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you to enhance our quality of life.*

Thank you!