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TO: Circuit Court Judges
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RE: Public Act 28 of 2014 Interagency Agreement for Mental Health Treatment

Recently, courts have inquired about compliance with the interagency agreement required by Public Act 28 of 2014, the "Act" (MCL 330.1207a). The Act amended the Mental Health Code to require each county to have a written interagency agreement to provide mental health treatment and assistance, if permitted by law and considered appropriate, to people with serious mental illness who are considered at risk for one or more of the following: entering the criminal justice system, not receiving needed mental health treatment services during a period of incarceration in a county jail, not receiving needed mental health treatment services upon release or discharge from incarceration in a county jail, or being committed to the jurisdiction of the Department of Corrections. *Id.* The agreement must be in place by October 1, 2014.

The Act mandates specific parties to the agreement, including the county sheriff's department, county prosecutor's office, county community mental health services program, county board of commissioners, a district court judge, and a circuit court judge. MCL 330.1207a(2). The State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) does not intend to establish or create additional policies and procedures to be included in the county interagency agreements or sample interagency agreements.

The legislation does not designate a lead agency for developing the interagency agreement and it is also possible that your county already has an interagency agreement in place. We recommend contacting your county administrator for additional information regarding the existence or status of your county's interagency agreement.

If you have questions, please contact Julia Norton at nortonj@courts.mi.gov or 517-373-3756.