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PLACER COUNTY TO LAUNCH CARE ACT PROGRAM DECEMBER 1, 2024

The Superior Court of Placer County will begin accepting petitions for the Community Assistance, Recovery, and Empowerment (CARE) Act on December 1, 2024.

The CARE Act was written into law through Senate Bill 1338, which added Welfare & Institutions Code Sections 5970 – 5987 and sets out the general provisions, process, and additional details for the implementation of the CARE Act.

The CARE Act is a way to allow people, called “petitioners,” to request voluntary treatment, services, support, and a housing plan for themselves or another person, called “respondents,” who have untreated schizophrenia or other psychotic disorders. It creates a new pathway to connect eligible individuals to treatment and services by focusing on promoting long-term recovery through a court process.

CARE Act proceedings involve assessments and court hearings to determine whether the respondent meets eligibility requirements. The County of Placer, Adult System of Care, is involved in the process to evaluate eligibility, secure and support treatment/services, and set program standards. If the respondent meets the standards for CARE eligibility, a CARE agreement or plan may be created and, if approved, ordered by the court. “The CARE Act is a collaborative based program addressing the unique needs of vulnerable individuals within our community,” said Placer Superior Court Presiding Judge Alan V. Pineschi. “We look forward to working with Placer County Adult System of Care, and others, to bring this expanded service model to the Placer County community.”

Beginning December 1, 2024, Placer County CARE Act petitions will be accepted at the Roseville, Auburn, and Tahoe City courthouses. There is no fee required to file a Petition for CARE Act proceedings. The CARE Court calendar will be heard at the Hon. Howard G. Gibson Courthouse,

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located at 10820 Justice Center Drive in Roseville. CARE Act petitions, reports, and proceedings are confidential and not open to the public.

Lastly, remote appearances will be available for CARE Court proceedings and follow standards set forth in the Superior Court of Placer County Local Rules, rule 10.24 regarding Lanterman Petris Short Hearings and extended to CARE Court hearings by Superior Court of Placer County Standing Order 24-003.

For more information on CARE Act proceedings, links to forms, and other resources, please visit www.placer.courts.ca.gov or www.selfhelp.courts.ca.gov/care-act.

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