

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE
EIGHTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN
AND FOR SEMINOLE COUNTY,
FLORIDA

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO.:

98-24-S

SUPERSEDES 93-92-Ci-S

IN RE: **MENTAL HEALTH - BAKER ACT - Hearing Location**

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Florida Statute 394.467(6) requires Baker Act hearings to "be as convenient to the patient as may be consistent with orderly procedure." To be consistent with orderly procedure, while considering the convenience of the patient, Baker Act hearing locations should be minimized.

Holding hearings at a minimal number of locations will: (1) Reduce travel by the General Master, State Attorney, Public Defender, Clerk of Court and other parties participating in the hearings; (2) Eliminate the need to transport and set up electronic recording equipment at multiple facilities; (3) Allow more hearings to be conducted on a given day; and (4) Reduce confusion as to the location of the hearing.

It is therefore

ORDERED:

Baker Act hearings shall be held at Seminole Community Mental Health Center when regarding patients residing there. All other Baker Act hearings shall be held at South Seminole Hospital located at 589 W State Road 434, Longwood, Florida 32750. Other participating facilities shall transport their patients to the hearings or cause their patients to be transported by order of the court.

This order shall become effective on July 8th, 1998

DONE AND ORDERED this 6th day of July, 1998.

JOHN DEAN MOXLEY, JR.

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CHIEF JUDGE

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