

**CHECKLIST FOR 3 PARTY PETITION
FOR INVOLUNTARY COMMITMENT FOR TREATMENT
OF ALCOHOLISM**

___ SUBJECT INDIVIDUAL IS PHYSICALLY PRESENT IN LANGLADE COUNTY. IF THE SUBJECT INDIVIDUAL IS A RESIDENT OF ANOTHER COUNTY, THEN PETITIONERS ARE ADVISED TO FILE THE PETITION IN THE COUNTY OF RESIDENCE.

___ AT LEAST ONE PETITIONER HAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, BASED UPON FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE, THAT THE INDIVIDUAL HABITUALLY LACKS SELF CONTROL AS TO THE USE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND THAT THIS PATTERN OF CONDUCT HAS EXISTED FOR AT LEAST 12 MONTHS PRECEDING THE TIME OF THE PETITION.

___ AT LEAST ONE PETITIONER HAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, BASED UPON FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE, THAT THE INDIVIDUAL USES ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO THE EXTENT THAT HEALTH IS SUBSTANTIALLY IMPAIRED OR ENDANGERED TO A REASONABLE DEGREE OF MEDICAL CERTAINTY. NOTE: PETITIONERS ARE ADVISED TO CONSULT WITH A MEDICAL DOCTOR, PRIOR TO FILING THIS PETITION, TO DETERMINE THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE USE OF ALCOHOL IS ENDANGERING THE INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH.

___ AT LEAST ONE PETITIONER HAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, BASED UPON FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE, THAT THE INDIVIDUAL USES ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES TO THE EXTENT THAT SOCIAL OR ECONOMIC FUNCTIONING IS SUBSTANTIALLY DISRUPTED.

___ AT LEAST ONE PETITIONER HAS PROBABLE CAUSE TO BELIEVE, BASED UPON FIRST HAND KNOWLEDGE, OF SPECIFIC INSTANCES OF RECENT CONDUCT THAT AS A RESULT OF THE USE (OR WITHDRAWAL) OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, THE INDIVIDUAL IS DANGEROUS TO SELF OR OTHERS.

IF THE PETITION FAILS TO SATISFY THE ABOVE CRITERIA, THEN IT WILL BE RETURNED TO THE PETITIONERS WITH INSTRUCTIONS.

Effective April 24, 2014 (2013 WI AB 488): Please be advised that if the Corporation Counsel has reason to believe that the 3 party petition fails to meet all the standards for involuntary commitment, then the petitioners may request a limited appearance by Corporation Counsel. When proceeding under a limited appearance, it shall be the responsibility of the petitioners to procure and produce any witnesses (i.e., medical expert or friend) that they wish to testify at the Probable Cause hearing.

THE 3 PARTY PETITION PROCESS SHOULD NOT BE USED IN CASES WHERE TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE. THE PETITIONERS ARE ADVISED TO CONTACT LAW ENFORCEMENT IF THEY BELIEVE THAT AN "EMERGENCY DETENTION" OF THE SUBJECT INDIVIDUAL IS NECESSARY IN RESPONSE TO SUBJECT INDIVIDUAL'S RECENT DANGEROUS BEHAVIOR.