

## Stories of PRCs Individuals When Released to the Counties

### Napa County - Robin Merrill Payne (2/6/12)

We had an issue with CMF Vacaville trying to send someone to us in a bizarre way. This was an EOP inmate committed by Sacramento County, Franjo Majstoric.

I'm the MH point of contact for referrals once they've been screened by our Probation department, but instead of getting a referral through Probation, I first received a call from the treating psychiatrist at CMFV, Dr. Lee Hamilton. She happens to have worked for Napa County MH in the past and knew me from then, and called me directly, wanting this inmate placed in Napa County. She had already decided that he should come here and be admitted to our Crisis Residential program, which is a 30-day maximum program, and wanted to know how to go about getting him in. I told her that any referral has to come to MH through Probation, and any transfer to Napa County Probation would have to be handled by Sacramento Probation.

Five days later, I heard from our Probation Dept. that they had received a request for his transfer here, and that Sacramento Probation had been told by Dr. Hamilton that I had agreed to "facilitate his admission to an 18-month program for dual diagnoses" (no such program exists) so that he could "establish a Napa address." I told them that was not the case and that I wouldn't accept anyone not referred by Napa Probation. Napa Probation refused the transfer request, based on the fact that he had no connections or support systems in Napa, or any other compelling reason to move here.

The next day, I got a call from Mr. Majstoric himself, who was in Napa! Evidently, he had been given a one-week pass from prison to "establish an address in Napa," and Dr. Hamilton had given him my number to call to get into the (non-existent) 18-month program. He was staying at our Shelter in the meantime and was fully expecting me to place him.

I had to tell him that there was no such plan and that his referral to Napa Probation had been refused.

This seemed like a nasty set-up for Mr. Majstoric, and was very confusing for everyone.