

Act 114 Evaluation of Involuntary Medication Administration

Did someone in your family receive court ordered involuntary medication at the Vermont State Hospital anytime between 2003 and August 2011 - or at the Brattleboro Retreat, Rutland Regional Hospital, Fletcher Allen Health Care or Green Mountain Psychiatric Care Center between September 2011 and June 2013 ?

If so, you are invited to be interviewed in order to provide input on the impact of receiving court ordered medication on your family member.

What is Act 114 and what is the purpose of the evaluation?

Act 114 is the Vermont law that deals with non-emergency, involuntary psychiatric medication. Every year, the Vermont State Legislature requires that an independent research firm conduct an evaluation of how this law is being followed.

A major part of the evaluation is based on information and suggestions gained from individuals who have been medicated involuntarily, anytime between 2003 and June 2013, under an Act 114 court order at any of the five hospitals mentioned above. Family members of loved ones who have been medicated through Act 114 court orders are also welcome to provide input.

Who conducts this evaluation?

Joy Livingston and Donna Reback, from Flint Springs Associates, are independent evaluators who have received the contract to conduct the evaluation and write a report to the Legislature.

How can you indicate your interest in being interviewed?

Contact Donna Reback via e-mail between October 21st and November 11th to set up a phone interview at dreback@stowevt.net.

Interviews are completely confidential - your identity will not be revealed.