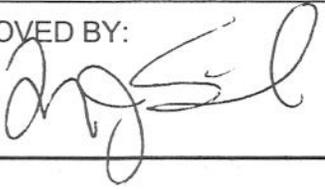


# DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

## POLICY / PROCEDURE



SUBJECT: <b>CONSERVATORSHIP AND THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC GUARDIAN</b>	POLICY NO. <b>108.1</b>	EFFECTIVE DATE <b>04/01/02</b>	PAGE <b>1 of 1</b>
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- PURPOSE:**
- 1.1 To establish policies and procedure pertaining to conservatorship and the operations of the Office of the Public Guardian.
- POLICY:**
- 2.1 The Public Guardian is designated by the Board of Supervisors to conduct all Lanterman/Petris/Short (LPS) and probate conservatorship investigations and to act as the court-appointed public conservator when necessary.
- PROCEDURE:**
- 3.1 All LPS conservatorships must be initiated by County designated hospitals and agencies.
  - 3.2 All LPS Conservatorship court proceedings will be initiated by the Office of the Public Guardian.
  - 3.3 The Office of the Public Guardian will handle all matters referred to the County for initial probate conservatorship investigation and on cases where Public Guardian is appointed Conservator of person and/or estate.
  - 3.4 Specific procedures are contained in the Public Guardian Policy and Procedures Manual.
- AUTHORITY:**
- Welfare and Institutions Code, Sections 5350  
 Government Code, Section 811.4, 27430  
Brown vs Overshiner 38 Cal.2d 432 (1952)  
 Los Angeles County Code, Section 2.87.020  
 Probate Code, Section 1800
- REVIEW DATE:** This policy shall be reviewed on or before April 1, 2004.