

**144.4177 TIME OF HEARING AND DUTIES OF COUNSEL.**

Subdivision 1. **Time of hearing.** A hearing on the petition must be held before the district court in the county in which respondent resides as soon as possible, but no later than 14 days from service of the petition and hearing notice.

Subd. 2. **Duties of counsel.** In all proceedings under this section, counsel for the respondent shall (1) consult with the person prior to any hearing; (2) be given adequate time to prepare for all hearings; (3) continue to represent the person throughout any proceedings under this charge unless released as counsel by the court; and (4) be a vigorous advocate on behalf of the client.

**History:** 1987 c 209 s 10