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RE: Health and Safety Code 574.031(g)

Background

1. Health and Safety Code 574.031(g) states that a hearing on an application for court-ordered mental health services must be “on the record.” Subtitle C, the Texas Mental Health Code, does not otherwise define this phrase.

Questions Presented

2. Must a hearing on an application for court-ordered mental health services under the Mental Health Code be recorded by an official shorthand court reporter as provided for by Government Code 52.046?
3. If not, what options does a county court sitting in matters mental health have to record a hearing under the Mental Health Code?

Sincerely,

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