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I have what seems like yet another impossible situation with my son.

We have been struggling with schizoaffective bipolar type since 2017. My 28 year-old son runs away, hides and becomes homeless in psychosis. I believe he has extensive brain damage from the lack of treatment over the years. I've fought like hell for him through 8 hospitalizations, 2 times gone missing and homeless where I've had to stop working for months to find him.

He has not spoken to me or any of the family since August 2019 because he believed that we are imposters or that he is adopted and has escaped an abusive family.

I got the luckiest break of my life by getting him into Crownview in Oceanside, Ca. This happened after I couldn't get him out of California and back to Washington involuntarily after finding him homeless and in bad shape after 81 days missing. Even though I obtained legal guardianship of him in Washington. I still have no rights to help him.

My son grew up a normal, funny, compassionate, smart kid. He had lots of friends, played football and was a good son and brother. He is also a survivor of childhood leukemia.

The terrible situation right now is that he plans on leaving Crownview tomorrow to go to Northern California. Crownview and friends are unable to sway him to stay and finish out the treatment. He does not plan on taking his medicine. He has been taking Clozaril and gets and Invega shot. He has never stabilized completely. I think recently he may have been checking his meds. He will decompensate within days or weeks. This is his history. He will go missing, give away belongings, hide and isolate in small towns. He may not survive this homeless stint. He also did this in Hawaii and when I found him in deep psychosis on the street, the hospital refused to admit him. I tried to get him off the island by airline only to have the plane go back to the gate after my son started saying scary things and saying I was a terrorist. He is talking about going back to Hawaii.

Even with his long history of severe mental illness my Washington State Guardianship gives me no leverage to help him.

In the next few weeks I will likely be back on the road scouring small towns for him.

What can I do???

Can there be an LPS Conservatorship in California. Family members are not able to start that process. I've been researching it.

The Washington State Guardianship office does not consider severe mental illness a medical condition. That's why it gives me almost no leverage.

Like most families dealing with SMI this only a tiny snapshot of the nightmare this has been.