



## **HEALTH CARE PERSONNEL**

### **POLICY.**

The Deschutes County Adult Jail (DCAJ) and Work Center (WC) will: provide reasonable and adequate health care screening, examination, diagnosis and treatment to all inmates during their incarceration. Health care includes medical, dental and mental health care. This standard of care intends to insure that inmates have access to care to meet their serious health needs. This standard is also the basic principle established by the United States Supreme Court in the 1976 landmark case, *Estelle vs. Gamble*

The Deschutes County Adult Jail will employ a physician and/or a nurse practitioner licensed to practice medicine in this state, hereinafter referred to as "Facility Physician, Facility Provider or Facility Nurse Practitioner," to provide medical service at DCAJ in accordance with ORS 169.076.

### **PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this policy is to identify and define various personnel as they relate to the DCAJ Medical Policy and Procedures Manual.

### **OREGON JAIL STANDARDS:**

- G-102 Responsibility and Authority for Health Care Delivery
- G-108 Health Care Services Personnel Qualifications

### **REFERENCES:**

- ORS 169.076, Standards for local correctional facilities
- ORS 678.375, Nurse Practitioners et seq
- OAR 309-032-1505 (105)

### **PROCEDURES.**

#### ***SECTION A: PERSONNEL DEFINITIONS***

- A-1. Facility Physician.** A duly licensed physician contracted with Deschutes County who has the responsibility and authority to administer health care to inmates at DCAJ. The Administrative Lieutenant will keep a photocopy of the Facility Physician's current license to practice in the State of Oregon on file. The Facility Physician will:

- a. Make regular sick call visits to the DCAJ on a weekly basis (or as indicated by consultation with a facility nurse practitioner or nurse) to provide necessary physical examination, treatment and medical services to inmates, as more fully set forth below.
- b. Provide telephone consultation as needed.
- c. Approve or develop forms and procedures relating to inmate medical care.
- d. Consult as necessary with any other health care professional.
- e. Approve and sign all medical Standing Orders, Treatment Protocols and Medical Policies and Procedures at DCAJ.
- f. Provide any requested assistance to the Sheriff and the Corrections Captain with respect to budget items involving the delivery of medical care services.
- g. Provide on-call coverage for Nurse Practitioner in her/his absence due to vacation and/or work engagements off site.
- h. Review facility medical and dental plans annually.

**A-2. Facility Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner.** An advanced practice nurse specifically employed by Deschutes County to work at DCAJ and/or WC; a registered psychiatric nurse practitioner or any other person licensed to practice advanced psychiatric nursing role under the provisions of ORS 678.375 et seq, regulations promulgated there under and their successor statutes and regulations. The Administrative Lieutenant will keep a photocopy of the facility psychiatric nurse practitioner's current license to practice in the State of Oregon on file.

**A-3. Facility Family Nurse Practitioner.** An advanced practice nurse designated as a family nurse practitioner licensed to practice primary medicine and provide primary care to inmates. The Facility Nurse Practitioner will:

- a. Provide medical care by seeing inmate-patients at DCAJ.
- b. Provide telephone consultation as needed.
- c. Approve or develop forms and procedures relating to inmate medical care.
- d. Supervise the facility nursing staff and consult as necessary with any other health care professional.
- e. Approve all medical equipment used in DCAJ.
- f. Review all medical Standing Orders, Treatment Protocols and Medical Policies and Procedures at DCAJ.
- g. Prior to the annual budget process, inspect the medical equipment, supplies and facilities at DCAJ, evaluate procedures and practices for delivery of medical care services and submit a written statement of all deficiencies or suggested improvements to the Sheriff and Corrections Captain.
- h. Provide any requested assistance to the Sheriff and the Corrections Captain with respect to budget items involving the delivery of medical care services.
- i. Provide and supervise the training and certification of all health trained deputies under this policy and procedures and review health care personnel job descriptions at least annually to update as needed.

- j. Provide coverage for the facility nurses in her/his absence due to vacation and/or work engagements off site.
- A-4. Facility Nurse.** A nurse specifically employed by Deschutes County to work at DCAJ and/or WC; a registered nurse or any other person licensed to practice nursing under the provisions of ORS 678.375 et seq, regulations promulgated there under and their successor statutes and regulations. The Administrative Lieutenant will keep a photocopy of each facility nurse's current license to practice in the State of Oregon on file.
- A-5. Corrections Deputy.** A deputy sheriff assigned to the DCAJ or WC with general duties that include the booking, supervision and maintenance of inmates and their general welfare.
- A-6. Emergency Medical Technicians. (EMT)** EMTs are persons who are duly certified as being qualified under the provisions of ORS 682.204 et seq, regulations promulgated there under and their successor statutes and regulations. Any EMT working as an employee of the DCAJ will keep a photocopy of their current certification on file with the Administrative Lieutenant. The DCAJ currently uses Bend Fire Department.
- A-7. Qualified Health Care Professionals.** The facility physician, facility nurse practitioner, facility nurses, EMTs, psychiatrists and other medical physicians, mental health specialists and other appropriately trained and licensed medical or mental health professionals.
- A-8. Health Care.** The sum total of all action, preventive and therapeutic, taken for physical and mental well being of a population.
- A-9. Inmate.** Any person who is accepted for lodging in any capacity by the DCAJ or WC.
- A-10. Health Trained Officers.** Corrections deputies who have received the medical training required by this Manual and have been tested and certified by the Facility Physician or Nurse Practitioner Refer to Policy CD-2-17, *Health Trained Officer and Training*.
- A-11. Mental Health Specialist.** For the purposes of this Manual, the term "qualified mental health professional" is defined by OAR 309-032-1505 (1505). DCAJ Policy CD 10-13.

Mental Health Specialist I (MHS). A MHS I will be available to DCAJ during the regular work week and will be responsible to perform the following duties:

1. Assess arrestees in pre-book and booking for mental stability and appropriateness for lodging in DCAJ when asked by the shift supervisor or HTO within one hour of notification.
2. Make pertinent collateral contacts in the formulation of social histories and collect other data relevant to diagnosis and intervention.
3. Complete assessment notes in inmate's JMS "Medical Notes." Complete inmate suicide precautions in JMS "Attachments" when applicable.

4. Meet with PHHNP or Facility Provider regarding current mental status, current and/or past suicide ideation/attempt history at regular scheduled times to discuss stabilization and treatment plans.
5. Meet with stable inmates within 18 to 36 hours of booking (72 hours if weekend or holiday) who have been identified with past or current psychiatric and/or psychiatric medication prescription or past suicide attempt history to assess current mental health status.
6. Based on diagnostic information, consult with other mental health specialists, and under supervisory direction, develop treatment plans and goals with inmates.
7. Be available for routine and emergency mental health intervention during the regular work week.
8. Maintain chronological records of diagnostic and counseling sessions.
9. Provide emergency and routine case consultation for various outside agencies directly affected by the behavior of inmates, including but not limited to hospitals, Deschutes County Mental Health, Parole and Probation, Saving Grace, Child Protective Services and Senior and Disabled Services.
10. Prepare written reports, charts and records as required by policy, state and other requirements.
11. Consult with and make referrals to any community agency for follow-up mental health care if appropriate.
12. Perform other related duties as necessary to carry out the objectives of the position.

**A-12. Interns and Students and Non-Certified Personnel.** May be permitted to work only under the direct supervision of a certified health care professional such as the Facility Provider, Facility Nurse Practitioner or nurses. The functions will be limited and approved by the Facility Provider, Sheriff and Corrections Captain.

**A-13. Facility Provider.** A qualified and licensed medical professional that can authorize medical orders. Facility Providers include: Physician, Physician's Assistant, Nurse Practitioner, Psychiatrist and Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner.

**A-14. Physician's Assistant.** A formally trained and licensed medical professional that operates under a physician's license. Physician's Assistants are trained to examine and treat patients, diagnose illnesses and injuries, order and interpret laboratory tests and x-rays, and prescribe medications.