HEALTH TRAINED DEPUTY AND TRAINING

POLICY.

Proper training of corrections staff is essential in order to provide the highest quality medical care in the Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office – Adult Jail (AJ).

PURPOSE.

The purpose of this policy is set forth training standards for health-trained deputies.

OREGON JAIL STANDARDS. None

DEFINITIONS.

Target Population. Inmates with a known psychiatric history, past or current use of psychiatric medication(s), and/or appear to be suicidal, severely depressed, psychotic, severely anxious, or agitated.

PROCEDURES.

A-1. Content of Health Training. All corrections deputies are health trained. A health-trained deputy receives instruction/familiarization with respect to:
   a. Orientation to the health care services offered at the AJ.
   b. Mental illnesses, including psychosis, thought and mood disorders, and their respective definitions, terminology, signs and symptoms.
   c. Personality disorders and behavioral problems, including manipulative behavior, aggressive behavior and anxiety.
   d. Depression and suicide, including signs and symptoms for recognizing and identifying suicide threats; suicide prevention techniques.
   e. Detoxification and substance abuse, including recognition of signs and symptoms of intoxication and chemical substance abuse/dependency; alcohol withdrawal and symptoms of impending delirium tremens (DT’s); handling of intoxicated inmates.
   f. Recognition of allergic responses to medication and food.
   g. The identification of inmates meeting Target Population criteria.
   h. Recognition of signs and symptoms of intellectual disability.
i. Inmate Medical Screening, including the administration of the *Intake Medical Screening Form No. 501* and taking vital signs.

j. Emergency medical conditions, including visual assessment and appropriate response procedures; recognition of emergency medical conditions that require the immediate summoning of an ambulance; procedures for transporting prisoners to the hospital.

k. Routine medical care, i.e. allowing inmates access to non-emergency medical care and mental health care.

B-1. **First Aid/CPR Training.** All corrections deputies will obtain a certificate in First Aid and CPR within one-hundred-eighty days of the initial date of their employment. First Aid training will be updated every two years. CPR will also be updated every two years.

C-1. **Training Programs.** The Deschutes County Sheriff’s Office – Training Unit and/or Police Training Officer (PTO) Program Coordinator may approve a program prepared by other personnel as adequate to train corrections deputies under this policy.

D-1. **Completion.** A corrections deputy will be trained as a Health Trained Officer (HTO) upon completion of the training. In addition, *DCAJ Health Training Form No. 538* is signed by the PTO or the PTO Program Coordinator, certifying the named corrections deputy is competent to perform all functions authorized by the medical policies of DCAJ.

**FORMS USED:**

- Intake Medical Screening Form No. 501
- Health Training Form No. 538