



HEALTH TRAINED DEPUTY AND TRAINING

POLICY.

Proper training of corrections staff is essential in order to provide the highest quality of medical care in the Deschutes County Adult Jail (DCAJ) and Work Center (WC).

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 (eight hours in-service) with respect to:

- a. Orientation to the health care services offered at DCAJ.
- b. Major 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 DT's; handling of intoxicated inmates.
- f. Medications, including recognition of the effects of and allergic responses to medication; security matters inherent in the administration of medication in DCAJ; procedures for administration of medication and identification of medication.
- g. The identification of inmates meeting Target Population criteria.
- h. Recognition of signs and symptoms of mental retardation.
- i. Inmate Medical Screening, including the administration of the Intake Medical Screening Form No. 501.

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- 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 facility physician (or the supervising psychiatrist in the case of training regarding mental health, suicide, psychiatric emergencies, etc.) may approve a program prepared by other personnel as adequate to train corrections deputies under this policy.
- D-1. Testing.** Upon completion of the training program, each health trained deputy candidate will take a medical and mental health test and achieve passing grades of at least seventy-five percent as a condition of certification.
- E-1. Certification.** A corrections deputy will be certified as a health trained deputy upon completion of the eight hour course and receiving passing grades on both tests, as verified by the facility physician. In addition, a Certificate of Award is signed by the facility physician, 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
- Medical Test
- Mental Health Test
- Certificate of Award