



## **TREATMENT PROTOCOL**

### **CONSCIOUS REFUSAL OF FOOD/FLUIDS**

#### **1. Symptoms/Presentation:**

- Inmate refuses to eat or drink fluids; he/she may share this with you, cell or dorm-mates may tell you, or a Facility Nurse may bring this to your attention.
- Notify nursing staff and the shift supervisor. A nurse will ask for your assistance in managing the inmate concerned
- Deputies will ensure the food tray is either handed to the inmate or placed in the cell, even if the inmate does not want to eat. Documentation will be placed in the jail computer system under "Meal Service."
- If a nurse is not on site, you may be asked to conduct an interview and check the physical status of the inmate (informally, does the inmate appear stable or unstable?), as you are required to do on the Intake Medical Screen when admitting an inmate into custody.
- Document the amounts of food eaten when tray is picked up at each meal pass (none, some, or all) on "Inmate Round Record Form No. 402."
- Notify your shift supervisor if you have any questions.

#### **2. Management:**

- a. If inmate appears unstable at any time, and a nurse is not on site, notify the shift supervisor and contact medical supervisor for further instructions. If not available, contact EMTs.