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POLICY

All Division of Adult Institution facilities shall recognize the Bureau of Health Services Director as the Health Authority for the Department of Corrections. The Bureau of Health Service Director is responsible for all patient health related matters including developing, implementing, and overseeing the mission, vision, values, policies and operations of Health Services to deliver a community standard care consistent with applicable correctional rules and standards and efficient use of resources.

REFERENCES

Standards for Health Services in Prisons – National Commission on Correctional Health Care, 2018, P-A-02 Responsible Health Authority

DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS, AND FORMS

Advanced Care Provider – Provider with prescriptive authority.

BHS – Bureau of Health Services

Clinical Director – Physician, psychiatrist, dentist, psychologist, nurse or pharmacist organizationally responsible at a systems level for oversight of clinical operations, quality and coordination of care for their designated area inclusive of facilitating the development of policy and procedures.

DOC – Department of Corrections

HSU – Health Services Unit

Responsible Health Authority (RHA) – Responsible for the facility's health care services, and arranges for all levels of health care and assures quality, accessible, and timely health services for patients.

Responsible Physician – Designated Medical Doctor or Doctor of Osteopathy who has the final authority at a given facility regarding clinical decisions.

PROCEDURE

I. Systems RHA

- A. The BHS Director is responsible for all decisions regarding operational, fiscal, policy and resource matters concerning the delivery of health care. The BHS Director delegates authority to BHS Directors who are responsible for health care in their area of expertise.
- B. Establishes a mission statement defining the scope of health services.

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- C. Develops systems for the coordination of care.
- D. Develops and establishes a written agreement and resources to assure scope of services are provided for the patient population.
- E. The RHA is on-site in the Madison Central Office.

II. BHS Directors

- A. The Medical Director has final authority for all clinical practice decisions requiring medical judgments with delegated authority to the Associate Medical Directors.
- B. The Mental Health Director has delegated authority to plan, direct and implement programs and makes recommendations regarding operational matters concerning the delivery of mental health services with delegated authority to the Psychiatry Director and Psychology Director.
- C. The Dental Director has delegated authority to plan, direct, implement and administer programs and operational matters concerning the delivery of appropriate dental health services for patients with delegated authority to the Associate Dental Directors.
- D. The Pharmacy Director has delegated authority to plan, direct and implement programs and make recommendations regarding the organization and implementation of pharmaceutical care delivery systems and oversight of pharmaceutical dispensing operations.
- E. The Director of Nursing has delegated authority to plan, direct and implement the professional practice of nursing in the delivery of patient care. Promotes care delivery consistent with standards, scope and licensure.

III. Facility RHA

- A. The BHS Director delegates authority to each facility to designate a facility RHA who is responsible for the facilities health care.
- B. Each DOC facility shall have a Health Services Manager/designee designated as the RHA.
- C. The purpose of designating a RHA is to ensure adequate and timely delivery of health care. Develop systems for monitoring and measuring care delivery. Shall ensure compliance with standards, timeliness and efficiency of care. Shall ensure compliance with licensure and or certification.
- D. The facility RHA coordinates health care by:
 - 1. Arranging for all levels of care.
 - 2. Assuring quality, accessibility and timeliness of health care.

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- 3. Implementing corrective actions for problems which are identified through a designated and integrated health services process, monitoring the outcomes of any recommended changes, and ensuring adjustments and revisions are made as needed.
 - 4. Working cooperatively with the clinical directors and clinical supervisors who have responsibility for clinicians in the facility.
- E. Each facility shall have a Psychology Supervisor or Psychologist as a designated mental health clinician and a single designated responsible Physician. These staff supervise the clinical aspects of care by:
- 1. Supervising clinical judgments regarding care provided to patients at the facility.
 - 2. Establishing and implementing policies for the clinical aspects of the program.
 - 3. Monitoring the appropriateness, timeliness and responsiveness of care and treatment.
 - 4. Reviewing recommendations for a patient's treatment made by community health care clinicians.
- F. Clinical judgment rests with a single designated responsible Advanced Care Provider.

Bureau of Health Services: _____ **Date Signed:** _____
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DIVISION OF ADULT INSTITUTIONS FACILITY IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

Facility: Name		
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Will Implement <input type="checkbox"/> As written <input type="checkbox"/> With below procedures for facility implementation		
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REFERENCES

DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS, AND FORMS

FACILITY PROCEDURE

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 - A.
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RESPONSIBILITY

I. Staff

II. Inmate

III. Other