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POLICY

Division of Adult Institutions psychology staff shall assist patients and DCC agents with identifying mental health needs near the time of release to the community.

REFERENCES

DAI Policy 500.70.01 – Mental Health Screening Assessment and Referral
Wisconsin Statutes s. 302.85 – Medical Care of Prisoners

DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS AND FORMS

DAI – Division of Adult Institutions

DCC – Division of Community Corrections

DHS – Department of Health Services

DOC – Department of Corrections

DOC-1163A – Authorization for Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI)

DOC-3585 – Mental Health Pre-Release Summary

DOES – Disabled Offenders Economic Security

HSU – Health Services Unit

Intellectually Disabled (ID) – Having an IQ of approximately 70 or below with concurrent impairments in present adaptive functioning and age of onset before 18 years.

Mental Health Caseload – Inmates classified as MH-1, MH-2a, MH-2b or ID.

Mental Health Staff – PSU staff and DOC psychiatrists.

MH-2A and MH-2B – Mental health code for patients with serious mental illness.

MICA – Mental Illness and Chemical Abuse

OARS – Opening Avenues to Reentry Success

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OSCI – Oshkosh Correctional Institution

PSU – Psychological Services Unit

PSU Staff – Employees classified as Psychologist Supervisor, Psychologist – Licensed, Psychological Associate, Crisis Intervention Worker, Psychological Services Assistant, Clinical Social Worker, or any other clinical classification that is directly supervised by Psychological Services.

REECC – Robert E. Ellsworth Correctional Center

SSDI – Social Security Disability Insurance

SSI – Supplemental Security Income

STAR – Successful Treatment and Recovery

SUD – Substance Use Disorder

TOP – Transitional Outreach Program

WRC – Wisconsin Resource Center

WWRC – Wisconsin Women’s Resource Center

PROCEDURE

I. Identification of Mental Health Needs

- A. PSU staff shall assess MH-2A and MH-2B patients prior to release to the community regarding their mental health treatment and placement needs.
- B. Options may include:
 1. Referral to a pre-release housing unit within DOC.
 2. Plan for outpatient treatment in the community, which may include psychological care, psychiatric care or case management.
 3. Referral to a specialized pre-release program that assists in transition to the community (see Section III below).

II. Completion of Mental Health Pre-Release Summary

- A. PSU staff shall complete DOC-3585 at least 90 days prior to an MH-2A or MH-2B patient’s release to the community.
 1. DOC-3585 – Mental Health Pre-Release Summary shall contain a brief summary of mental health issues while the patient was incarcerated, including a brief summary of treatment and any problem with medication compliance, self-harm and/or aggression.
 2. DOC-3585 shall include recommendations for follow-up mental health care in the community, including whether the patient needs psychological

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counseling, psychiatric referral, a Community Support Program, or other programs or interventions.

3. A copy of the most recent PSU Clinical Contact note and Psychiatric Progress note shall be attached to DOC-3585 to supplement the information provided.
- B. PSU staff shall forward a completed DOC-3585 – Mental Health Pre-Release Summary with attachments to the patient’s DCC agent and assigned facility social worker at least 90 days before the patient’s release to the community. If longer-term planning is required, the DCC agent or facility social worker may request completion of the DOC-3585 more than 90 days prior to the patient’s release.
 - C. The DCC agent and assigned facility social worker shall make efforts to assist the patient with enrolling in recommended services within available community resources.
 - D. DCC agents and facility social workers may consult with facility PSU staff or DCC regional psychologists to assist with making community referrals and linkages.
 - E. After receiving written authorization from the offender on DOC-1163A – Authorization for Use and Disclosure of Protected Health Information (PHI), DCC agents and/or facility social workers may disclose the completed DOC-3585 – Mental Health Pre-Release Summary (including attachments) to non-DOC medical or mental health professionals in the community who will be providing direct care services to the offender.

III. Specialized Pre-Release Programs

- A. WRC Reentry Units
Provides a variety of education, skill-focused, coaching and treatment groups to patients with mental illness at WRC who are approaching release.
- B. DOES Program
A partnership between the DOC and Legal Action of Wisconsin. Attorneys provide patients with civil legal services and application assistance for SSI, SSDI, health insurance, FoodShare, housing assistance and/or employment training programs. Eligibility includes:
 1. MH-2A, MH-2B or ID classification or high HSU need.
 2. Releasing from one of the DOC’s identified DOES facilities.
- C. TOP Program at OSCI
Provides case management services 6-9 months pre-release at OSCI and 12 months post-release in the community for male patients with serious mental illness or intellectual disability. Eligibility includes:
 1. MH-2A or ID classification.
 2. A referral at least 6-9 months prior to release.

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3. Serves the entire state of Wisconsin.
- D. OARS (Opening Avenues to Reentry Success)
A partnership between DOC and DHS providing planning and case management to eligible individuals preparing to release from any DOC facility.
1. Provides intensive case management, housing, and links to psychiatric services and other individualized needs for up to two years in the community.
 2. Eligibility requirements:
 - a. Staff referral and voluntary participation.
 - b. MH-2A or MH-2B code, with priority for MH-2A.
 - c. Medium or High Risk COMPAS risk level recommendation.
 - d. At least six months remaining on community supervision after prison release.
 - e. Releasing to one of 51 covered counties.
 3. Referrals are made using DOC-2774.
 4. Covered counties and additional program information are available at: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/oars/index.htm>
- E. MICA Program at OSCI
A 25-bed residential treatment program that integrates substance abuse and mental health treatment for patients who have serious mental illness.
Eligibility includes:
1. SUD treatment need.
 2. MH-2A classification.
 3. Medium security.
 4. At least 12 months prior to release.
- F. STAR Program at WRC
An open-ended residential treatment program that integrates substance abuse and mental health treatment for patients who have serious mental illness. Eligibility includes:
1. SUD treatment need.
 2. MH-2A classification.
 3. At least 6-9 months prior to release.

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DIVISION OF ADULT INSTITUTIONS FACILITY IMPLEMENTATION PROCEDURES

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REFERENCES**DEFINITIONS, ACRONYMS AND FORMS****FACILITY PROCEDURE****I.**

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II.**III.****RESPONSIBILITY**I. **Staff**II. **Inmate**III. **Other**