

# State of Iowa Department of Corrections

## Policy and Procedures

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### 1. PURPOSE

To delineate the lines of authority, responsibilities and organization of the Forensic Psychiatric Hospital in order to accomplish the mission.

### 2. POLICY

- A. A unit at the Iowa Medical and Classification Center shall be utilized as a Forensic Psychiatric Hospital for persons displaying evidence of mental illness or psychosocial disorders and requiring diagnostic services or treatment in a secure setting, per **Code of Iowa, Section 904.201**.
- B. The Department of Corrections Health Services Administrator serves as the Health Authority and exercises responsibility for services in the Forensic Psychiatric Hospital. Clinical decisions are the sole province of the responsible clinician and are not countermanded by non-clinicians.
- C. The Department of Corrections Health Services Administrator coordinates clinical services with department heads and utilizes committees as appropriate to assure workload completion and inclusion of supervisors and line staff. For questions of clinical practice, the Department of Corrections

Health Services Administrator utilizes the applicable regulations and the appropriate department head for decision making.

- D. The Department of Corrections Health Services Administrator will assure staffing levels, job descriptions, contracts and supporting procedures are developed and implemented in order to provide services as outlined in this procedure, and to assure that resources are utilized in the most effective and efficient manner.

### **1) Scope of Services**

- a) Provide health/mental health services to patients in the areas of medical, nursing, dietary, laboratory/radiology, pharmacy, social/mental health, and therapeutic recreational activities without jeopardizing the security of the institution.
- b) Provide ongoing and/or episodic assessment and treatment within the scope of practice of care providers for patient's health care needs.
- c) Provide education to patients regarding healthy lifestyle choices, medication management and improved coping mechanisms.
- d) Provide opportunity for patients to build skills that support healthy lifestyles and assist them to manage chronic disease conditions.
- e) Provide emergency intervention for health care needs and make appropriate transfers/referrals as needed.
- f) Provide communication lines for patients to express health related concerns to appropriate health care personnel.
- g) Assure that all clinical staff are licensed and/or adequately trained to provide quality healthcare by conducting peer reviews, documentation review and with the annual

performance evaluation and assuring that the credentialing and privileging standards are met.

h) Complete court ordered evaluations and treatment.

## **2) Mission Statement**

We strive to meet the needs of our patients, the public and the Iowa Judicial System, through the provision of competency evaluations and restorative treatment.

## **3) Vision Statement**

Our vision is to demonstrate excellence in the field of forensic mental health care by setting the standard for serving the mentally ill. We will provide our patients with a supportive environment, which incorporates compassion and respect, enabling them to reach their full potential.