

 <p style="text-align: center;">County of Sacramento Department of Health Services Division of Primary Health Policy and Procedure</p>	Policy Issuer (Unit/Program)	JCH
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Title: Responsible Health Authority		Functional Area: Governance and Administration
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Definitions:

Health Care: The sum of all actions, preventative and therapeutic, taken for the physical and mental well-being of a population. This includes Dental, Medical, Mental Health, Nutrition and other ancillary services, as well as maintaining a clean and safe environment.

Health Authority: Responsible physician (lead physician) and health administrator (program manager) responsible for arranging all levels of health care and assuring quality and accessibility of all health services is provided to detained youths.

Responsible Physician: Licensed physician responsible for the final medical judgment, and provides health care (primary care) services to detained youths.

Health Administrator: Individual by virtue of education, experience or certification is capable of assuming responsibility for arranging all levels of health care and ensuring quality and accessible health services for youths.

Qualified Health Care Professionals: Physicians, physician assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners, dentist, mental health professionals, medical assistants, and others who by virtue of their education, credentials, and experience are permitted by law to evaluate and care for patients.

Policy:

The Health Authority for Correctional Health Services (JCH) is designated to the lead physician and program manager. The lead physician (responsible physician) is responsible for final clinical/medical judgments. The program manager (health administrator) is responsible for administrative and operational needs. The lead physician and program manager will ensure adequate and appropriate health care is provided in a timely fashion to all detained youths.

Procedures:

1. Health Authority (lead physician and program manager) establish and implement policies for the clinical aspect of the JCH program.
2. Health Authority (lead physician and program manager) will review and make revisions to policies and procedures , as needed and annually;
3. Responsible physician supervises the clinical aspects of health care;
4. Health Authority (lead physician and program manager) will ensure provision of emergency care services is provided to all detained youths;
5. Health administrator (program manager) acts as liaison between Correctional Health Services and the County of Sacramento Probation Youth Detention Facilities;

6. Supervision and reporting roles and responsibilities for administrative and clinical aspects of JCH will be carried out in accordance with the attached organizational chart;
7. Mental Health Services are provided by Sacramento County Behavioral Services and Dignity Health. The lead psychiatrist is responsible for reviewing and approving all policies and procedures.

References:

Title 15, Article 8, Section 1400,
NCCHC, Y-A-02

Attachments:

JCH organizational chart

Contact:

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