



## HEALTH CARE MEMBERS

### **POLICY.**

The Deschutes County Sheriff's Office – Adult Jail (AJ) will: provide reasonable and adequate health care screening, examination, diagnosis and treatment to all inmates during their incarceration. Health care, coordinated through the AJ Medical Unit includes medical, dental and behavioral health care. This standard of care intends to ensure that inmates have access to care to meet their serious health needs. This standard is also the basic principle established by the United States Supreme Court in the 1976 case, *Estelle vs. Gamble*.

The AJ will employ a physician and/or a nurse practitioner licensed to practice medicine in this state, hereinafter referred to as "Medical Director or Facility Nurse Practitioner," to provide medical service at the AJ in accordance with ORS 169.076.

### **PURPOSE.**

The purpose of this policy is to identify and define various members as they relate to the AJ Medical Policy and Procedures Manual.

### **OREGON JAIL STANDARDS:**

- G-102 Responsibility and Authority for Health Care Delivery
- G-108 Health Care Services Personnel Qualifications
- G-211 Monitoring Health Care

### **REFERENCES:**

- ORS 169.076, Standards for Local Correctional Facilities
- ORS 678.375, Nurse Practitioners
- ORS 682.204 License Requirement
- OAR 309-032-0860 (25)

### **PROCEDURES.**

#### **SECTION A: PERSONNEL DEFINITIONS**

- A-1. Medical Director – Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP).** An advanced practice nurse licensed to practice primary medicine and provide primary care to inmates.

**The AJ FNP will:**

- a. Provide medical care by seeing inmate-patients at the AJ. The FNP will provide necessary physical examination, treatment and medical services to inmates.
- b. Provide telephone consultation as needed.
- c. Approve or develop forms and procedures relating to inmate medical care.
- d. Supervise nursing members and consult as necessary with any other health care professional.
- e. Approve all medical equipment used in the AJ.
- f. Review AJ medical and dental plans annually.
- g. Review, update, develop and approve (as authorized by the Sheriff or Corrections Captain) all AJ medical Standing Orders, Treatment Protocols, procedures and Medical Policies.
- h. Prior to the annual budget process, inspect the medical equipment, supplies and facilities at the AJ, evaluate procedures and practices for delivery of medical care services and submit a written statement of all deficiencies or suggested improvements to the Sheriff and Corrections Captain.
- i. Provide any requested assistance to the Sheriff and the Corrections Captain with respect to budget items involving the delivery of medical care services.
- j. Provide and supervise the training and certification of all health-trained deputies under this policy and procedure and review health care personnel job descriptions at least annually to update as needed.
- k. Provide coverage for the facility nurse in their absence due to vacation and/or work engagements off site.

**A-2. Facility Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (PMHNP).** An advanced practice nurse specifically employed by Deschutes County Sheriff's Office to work at the AJ; a registered psychiatric nurse practitioner or any other person licensed to practice advanced psychiatric nursing role under the provisions of ORS 678.375 et seq, regulations promulgated there under and their successor statutes and regulations. The Administrative Lieutenant will keep a photocopy of the Facility Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner's current license to practice in the State of Oregon on file.

**A-3. Facility Nurse.** A nurse employed by Deschutes County Sheriff's Office to work at the AJ. A registered nurse or any other person licensed to practice nursing under the provisions of ORS 678.375 et seq, regulations promulgated there under and their successor statutes and regulations. The Administrative Lieutenant will keep a photocopy of each AJ nurse's current license to practice in the State of Oregon on file.

**A-4. Emergency Medical Technicians. (EMT)** EMTs are persons who are duly certified as being qualified under the provisions of ORS 682.204.

- A-5. Qualified Health Care Professionals.** The facility physician, facility nurse practitioner, facility nurses, EMTs, psychiatrists and other medical physicians, behavioral health specialists and other appropriately trained and licensed medical or behavioral health professionals.
- A-6. Health Care.** The sum total of all action, preventive and therapeutic, taken for physical and behavioral well-being of a population.
- A-7. Inmate.** Any person accepted for lodging by the AJ.
- A-8. Health Trained Deputy (HTD).** Corrections deputies who have received basic medical training and have been tested and certified by the Medical Director. Refer to Policy CD-2-17, *Health Trained Deputy and Training*.
- A-9. Behavioral Health Specialist.** For the purposes of this Manual, the term, “Qualified mental health professional” is defined and licensed by The Oregon Health Authority. See *DCAJ Policy CD 10-13*.

Behavioral Health Specialist (BHS). A BHS will be available to the AJ during the work week. The BHS is responsible to perform the following duties:

1. Assess arrestees in pre-booking and booking for mental stability and appropriateness for lodging in the AJ when asked by the shift supervisor or HTD.
2. Make necessary collateral contacts to develop social histories and collect other data relevant to diagnosis and intervention.
3. Complete assessment notes in an inmate’s Electronic Health Record (EHR) and “Attachment” notes in the Jail Management System (JMS) as appropriate. Complete inmate suicide precautions in JMS “Attachments” when applicable.
4. Meet with FNP (or PMHNP) regarding current mental status, current and/or past suicide ideation/attempt history at regular scheduled times to discuss stabilization and treatment plans.
5. Meet with stable inmates within 18 to 36 hours of booking (72 hours if weekend or holiday) who have been identified with past or current psychiatric and/or psychiatric medication prescription or past suicide attempt history to assess current mental health status.
6. Based on diagnostic information, consult with other mental health specialists, and under supervisory direction, develop treatment plans and goals with inmates.
7. Be available for routine and emergency mental health intervention during the regular work week.
8. Maintain chronological records of diagnostic and counseling sessions.
9. Provide emergency and routine case consultation for various outside agencies directly affected by the behavior of inmates, including but not limited to hospitals, Deschutes

- County Behavioral Health, Parole and Probation, Child Protective Services and Senior and Disabled Services.
10. Prepare written reports, charts and records as required by policy, state and other requirements.
  11. Consult with and make referrals to any community agency for follow-up mental health care if appropriate.
  12. Perform other related duties as necessary to carry out the objectives of the position.
- A-10. Interns, Students and Non-Certified Personnel.** May be permitted to work only under the direct supervision of a certified health care professional such as the Medical Director/FNP or nurse. Their functions will be limited and approved by the Medical Director, Corrections Captain and Sheriff.
- A-11. Facility Provider.** A qualified and licensed medical professional that can authorize medical orders. Facility Providers may include: physician, physician's assistant, nurse practitioner, psychiatrist or psychiatric nurse practitioner.
- A-12. Physician's Assistant.** A formally trained and licensed medical professional that operates under a physician's license. Physician's assistants are trained to examine and treat patients, diagnose illnesses and injuries, order and interpret laboratory tests and x-rays, and prescribe medications.

### ***SECTION B: MONITORING HEALTH CARE***

- B-1.** The AJ may have an impartial, third party medical provider audit medical files upon request or on a periodic basis. The third party medical provider will ensure the AJ Medical Unit is providing adequate health care to all inmates including those that are high risk and pregnant. All findings in the audit will be reported back to the Corrections Captain and Medical Director for corrections to any discrepancies noted.