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| CHAPTER: Institutional Operations | REFERENCE AND RELATED STANDARDS: WV Code Chapter §§ 49-5-16a and 49-5E-1 et seq.; ACA 3-JTS-3E-01, 02, 04 and 05; ACA 3-JDF-3E-01, 02, 04 and 05 | | |
| SUBJECT: Special Management of Residents with Medical or Mental Health Issues | | | |
| DATE: January 1, 2011 | | | |

POLICY

This policy is to establish the management of juveniles who, for medical or mental health reasons, have been removed from the general population and placed in special units or rooms. This includes residents who are housed in the medical departments.

CANCELLATION

This policy has been reviewed and supersedes Policy #336.00 dated October 1, 2007.

APPLICABILITY

This Policy applies to ALL Division of Juvenile Services' Facilities.

PROCEDURES

1. Special management is provided for juveniles requiring medical housing and/or protection from others or self-injurious behavior.
2. The Facility Superintendent/Director or shift supervisor can order immediate placement in a special unit when it is necessary to protect the juvenile from themselves or others. This must be justified by clear and substantial evidence in writing that placement of the juvenile in general population would pose a threat to the safety of the juvenile. The action is reviewed within twenty-four (24) hours by a medical or mental health professional.
3. The medical professional can place a resident in special management due to medical necessity with a physician's approval.
4. The mental health professional can place a resident in special management due to mental health reasons with a physician's approval.

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5. An individual program plan for the juvenile will be developed.
6. Juveniles placed in confinement are checked visually by staff at least every fifteen (15) minutes and are visited at least once each day by personnel from supervisory staff, treatment, and medical units. A log is kept recording who authorized the confinement, persons visiting the juvenile, the person authorizing release from confinement, and the time of release. Suicidal juveniles are under constant observation.
7. Juveniles placed in special management for medical or mental health reasons can only be released by a medical or mental health professional, as applicable.
8. Juveniles placed in confinement are afforded living conditions and privileges approximating those available to the general juvenile population. (Commissary, library services, recreation, etc.) Authorized religious activities will not be denied. Exceptions are justified by clear and substantial evidence that if the resident is given particular privileges, the safety and security of property/persons may be compromised.
9. Each facility will have in place an operational policy and procedural plan to ensure the standards and practices of this policy are followed.

RIGHTS RESERVED

The Director reserves the right to modify, suspend or cancel any provision herein in part or entirety, without advance notice, unless prohibited by law.

APPROVED:

Dale Humphreys
Director

January 1, 2011
Date