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Title: Intoxicated and Substance Abusing Youth	Functional Area: Clinical Care	
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Background/Context:

Title 15, Section 1430 requires the Youth Detention Facility (YDF) responsible health administrator/ physician, in cooperation with the facility administrator and behavioral/mental health director to establish policies and procedures for a documented intake health screening procedure to be conducted immediately upon entry to the facility. Policies and procedures shall also define when a health evaluation and/or treatment shall be obtained prior to the acceptance for booking. The responsible physician shall establish criteria defining the types of apparent health conditions that would preclude acceptance of a youth into the facility without a documented medical clearance.

Title 15, Section 1431 requires the responsible health administrator/physician, in cooperation with the facility administrator to develop and implement written policies and procedures that address the identification and management of alcohol and other substance intoxication, withdrawal and treatment of substance use disorder in accordance with Section 1430. The policies and procedures shall address coordination with behavioral/mental health services in cases of substance abusing youth with known or suspected mental illness.

Purpose:

The objective of this policy and procedure is to delineate the process by which the Juvenile Justice Institutions Mental Health Team (JJIMHT) shall coordinate with Juvenile Correctional Health Services to care for youth with substance abuse issues and suspected or known mental health concerns.

Details:

1. Pre-Detention Medical Screen
 - A. Juvenile Correctional Health Services nursing staff perform a pre-detention medical screen of all youth brought to YDF to ensure that no youth who have obvious signs of trauma, acute illness, report of recent trauma or whose circumstances of arrest suggest the probability of trauma are incarcerated without first undergoing a medical evaluation.

- B. The pre-detention medical screen includes assessment of youth displaying signs of alcohol and/or drug intoxication or withdrawal.
 - C. If, in the judgment of the nurse, the youth requires medical evaluation and clearance prior to detention, the arresting entity shall take the youth to an acute care facility.
 - D. Youth sent for medical clearance prior to detention and returned to YDF must have documented verification that such an evaluation, treatment and clearance occurred.
 - E. If the nurse is informed during the pre-detention medical screen that the youth has history of mental health issues, suspects the youth experiences mental health issues or is currently receiving treatment for mental health issues, a referral is made to the JJIMHT.
2. Intake Health Screen
- A. Juvenile Correctional Health Services nursing staff perform an Intake Health Screen within 2 hours of or prior to a youth being sent to a living unit.
 - B. If the youth informs the nurse that he/she has history of or current mental health issues and/or the nurse suspects the youth experiences mental health issues or is currently receiving treatment for mental health issues, a referral is made to the JJIMHT.
3. Health Appraisal/Physical Examination
- A. Juvenile Correctional Health Services nursing or physician staff perform a health appraisal/physical examination of youth within 96 hours of detention.
 - B. If the youth informs the medical staff that he/she has history or current mental health issues and/or the medical staff suspects the youth experiences mental health issues or is currently receiving treatment for mental health issues, a referral is made to the JJIMHT.
4. JJIMHT clinicians may contact the Alcohol and Other Drug Senior Mental Health Counselor to request consultation, refer the youth for AOD assessment and/or supportive counsel while detained in YDF.

Reference(s)/Attachments

Department of Health Services, Primary Health Division, Juvenile Correctional Health Services Policy and Procedure 1430-Intake Health Screening

Department of Health Services, Primary Health Division, Juvenile Correctional Health Services Policy and Procedure 1432-Health Appraisals/Physical Examination

Related Policies:

BHS-CMH-YDF-06-01-Mental Health Services Protocol

BHS-CMH-YDF-06-05-Psychiatric Referrals

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