

DATE:	MAY 27, 2022
NUMBER:	M.13
SUBJECT:	HEALTH STAFF
RELATED SECTIONS:	Entire DSB "M" Section
IN COMPLIANCE WITH:	CAC Title 15, Sec. 1203, 1205, 1215, Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003

PURPOSE

To define health staff positions.

POLICY

Health staff members shall comply with all State of California mandated license and certification requirements for their positions. The Sheriff's Medical Services Division further defines medical treatment as medical, psychiatric or dental.

Health staff members shall receive special training on the mandated requirements outlined in the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003. This training will include, but will not be limited to, the reporting of a sexual assault, the emergency treatment and the preservation of evidence when encountering a sexual assault victim, and the medical and psychological follow-up care that shall be afforded.

PROCEDURE

- I. The Medical Services Administrator is responsible for the overall administration and coordination of the delivery of health care services within the detention facilities.
- II. Detention facility qualified health providers (QHP) (e.g., physicians, nurse practitioners) are primarily responsible for the medical treatment, planning, and referral to any necessary outside medical service when deemed necessary. QHPs are also responsible for providing emergency medical care and will determine additional treatment or referral to an emergency department, if needed. In the event an incarcerated person claims they have been sexually assaulted while in custody, they will be referred to a forensic medical facility.
- III. Detention facility dentists are responsible for evaluation, treatment and referral related to in-custody dental care.
- IV. Detention facility psychiatrists and psychiatric nurse practitioners are responsible for the evaluation and treatment of suspected mental disorders.
- V. Within their respective scopes of practice detention facility registered nurses and licensed vocational nurses are responsible for responding and rendering emergency care and referral, logistical support of all patient/doctor activity, screening interviews, administration of medications, implementation of all physician's orders and treatment, and special programs
- VI. Detention facility qualified mental health providers (QMHP) are responsible for providing mental health interventions and case management services to incarcerated persons with

suspected or diagnosed mental health disorders. In the event an incarcerated person claims they have been sexually assaulted while in custody, they will provide mandated crisis intervention and follow-up care outlined in the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003.

- VII. Detention facility medical clerical staff handles clerical work generated by incarcerated person's activity and movement within the detention facility system, as well as specific medical activity procedures.