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SUBJECT:	JAIL BASED COMPETENCY TREATMENT (JBCT)
RELATED SECTIONS:	I.47 , CA PENAL CODE 1370

PURPOSE

To establish the procedures for the Jail Based Competency Treatment (JBCT).

POLICY

Sworn staff shall be responsible for security of the JBCT with input from the health staff. The JBCT health staff shall be responsible for evaluations and treatment.

For assignment to a post position in the JBCT housing unit, sworn staff will complete a course curriculum established by the Detention, In-Service Training Unit (DTU). The curriculum has been developed in collaboration between DTU and the Medical Services Division as an orientation to the guidelines associated with a Lanterman-Petris-Short Act (LPS) licensed care unit including the competency evaluation process.

Administrative staff from the facility will be responsible for communicating to DTU any personnel selected for assignment to the JBCT housing unit prior to or upon selection in order to schedule or verify completion of the curriculum. Only those assigned to the San Diego Central Jail (SDCJ) shall work these positions.

PROCEDURE

I. ADMISSION

- A. The JBCT housing unit is located at SDCJ.
- B. Upon a court order directing that an incarcerated person be restored to competency ("Restore to Competency" order) and when the court order authorizes the Sheriff to restore to competency, an incarcerated person may be admitted to the JBCT. Incarcerated persons who are not admitted to the JBCT will be placed on a waiting list for treatment in a state hospital.
- C. Incarcerated persons without "Restore to Competency" court orders may be housed in the JBCT with the approval of the Program Director when bed space is available. Incarcerated persons with a "Restore to Competency" order shall be given priority over other incarcerated persons.

II. SECURITY

- A. Safety checks shall be conducted and documented in compliance with Detention Services Bureau Policies and Procedures section I.64.

- B. Extraordinary incidents shall be brought to the attention of the watch commander.
- C. JBCT incarcerated persons are to be returned daily to their dormitory no later than 2200 hours.
- D. Incarcerated persons may be removed from the housing unit for acute psychiatric, medical, or security reasons and only with a deputy present.
 - 1. When security and staff safety are compromised and the incarcerated person is considered to be extremely dangerous, sworn staff may move the incarcerated person to another housing area. If possible, the JBCT health supervisor or designee, or the staff psychiatrist shall be consulted first.
 - 2. Health staff shall notify the watch commander when the medical needs of any JBCT incarcerated person require that they be housed in the medical observation area rather than JBCT.
 - 3. When an incarcerated person is discharged from the JBCT, the Jail Population Management Unit shall be consulted to determine the appropriate housing assignment for the incarcerated person.
- E. JBCT sworn and health staff shall be notified prior to removing or when returning an incarcerated person into the housing unit.
- F. JBCT sworn and health staff shall be notified in advance of any tour or visit to the JBCT to prevent disruption of activities within the housing unit.

III. WRISTBANDS

- A. Incarcerated persons in the JBCT program shall wear red identification wristbands while housed in JBCT. Plastic fasteners are available for incarcerated persons who may use metal for self-injury or are allergic to metal fasteners.
- B. The red identification wristband shall be applied and removed by sworn staff whenever an incarcerated person is admitted or discharged from the unit.
- C. The red identification wristband shall be worn on the left wrist.
- D. JBCT staff shall make no alterations to the wristband.
- E. If it becomes necessary to change an incarcerated person's wristband, sworn staff shall make the change.

IV. TREATMENT

- A. Admission to the JBCT for treatment is covered under section 1370 of the California Penal Code.

- B. Sworn staff may be requested to move an incarcerated person to an isolation or separation cell by the JBCT staff.
 - 1. A time specific separation order by a psychiatrist is required to house an incarcerated person in separation.
 - 2. Anytime health staff enter a separation cell to provide the incarcerated person care and/or treatment, sworn staff shall accompany them and provide security.