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PHILOSOPHY

I. PURPOSE

- A. The Mendocino County Sheriff's Office Correctional Facilities will maintain maximum utilization of all cost-effective alternatives to incarceration and where such alternatives are not applicable, to maintain the constitutional, secure and humane detention of arrested persons who cannot be released.
- B. The Mendocino County Corrections Facilities were designed and constructed to provide the citizens of Mendocino County with safe and secure facilities that either complies with or exceeds the standards articulated by local, state, federal, and professional agencies.
- C. The operations of the county's correctional facilities will ensure that those remanded to our care are provided with safe, secure, and humane treatment consistent with applicable standards, laws, and judicial decisions.
- D. Alternatives to incarceration will be utilized in every case consistent with our responsibility to ensure public safety and protect inmate rights.
- E. Inmates will be classified to the least restrictive mode of housing with due consideration to the safety of the public, inmates, and staff.
- F. Essentials of human life, i.e., medical and mental health care, nutritious meals, recreation, clean environment, counseling, and education opportunity will be provided to all within our care.
- G. The continuity of family and community contact will be encouraged by appropriate policies governing visiting, telephone usage, mail, and volunteer involvement.
- H. The philosophies, goals and policies will be consistent with Mendocino County and, more specifically, the Mendocino County Sheriff-Coroner's Office.
- I. The written document describing the facility's philosophies, goals and policies will be updated as necessary and will be reviewed annually.

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