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MEDICAL SERVICES

I. POLICY

- A. The Sheriff shall ensure emergency and basic health care to all inmates.
- B. Medical and dental matters involving clinical judgments are the sole responsibility of the provider's medical director.
- C. The primary responsibility of medical personnel is to provide required health services for the entire inmate population who have medical needs.
- D. Security regulations will be adhered to at all time by health services staff.
 - 1. If a situation arises where a medical emergency conflicts with a security requirement and no practical alternative exists, the situation will be resolved in favor of the medical emergency.
- E. Facility Medical Services can be found in the Exhibit "A" portion of the medical provider contract.
- F. Inmates will not be used for medical, pharmaceutical, or cosmetic experiments. This does not preclude individual treatment of an inmate based on the inmate's need for a specific medical procedure, which is not generally available.
- G. Inmates will not be used for the following duties:
 - 1. Performing direct patient care services;
 - 2. Scheduling health care appointments;
 - 3. Determining access of other inmates to health care services; or

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4. Handling or having access to:
 - a. Surgical instruments
 - b. Syringes
 - c. Needles
 - d. Medications
 - e. Health records

II. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. CORRECTIONS DIVISION

1. Provide a consulting role defining level of service pursuant to Title 15 (Minimum Jail Standards) or legal requirements.
2. Provide security for both inmate and medical and/or mental health personnel.
3. Provide personnel to accommodate transportation for inmates who require medical and/or mental health attention outside the Mendocino County Jail.
4. Provide for the internal movement of inmates to the medical facilities within the Mendocino County Jail.
5. Provide space within the Mendocino County Jail to accomplish medical and mental health programs.
6. Coordinate with the medical authority regarding the correctional environment, special diets and housing, and any other area of mutual concern.
7. The Facility Supervisor, Corrections Lieutenant, and/or Corrections Division Commander will retain the ability to arbitrate any conflict between Corrections Division personnel and medical staff concerning issues affecting the security of the Mendocino County Jail.

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B. MEDICAL STAFF

1. Provide a consulting role defining level of service pursuant to Title 15 and/or other legal requirements.
2. Act as consultants to the Corrections Division personnel concerning environmental factors, special diets, and any other area of mutual concern.
3. Provision of a monitoring of health care to the inmates of the Mendocino County Jail.
4. See Exhibit "A" of the medical providers' contract for detailed description of services.

III. MEDICAL TREATMENT ORDERS

- A. Medical personnel will use the Medical Treatment Order form to advise Corrections Division personnel of their recommendation for authorized items that are not generally permitted by inmates. For example - extra mattress, personal footwear, additional blanket, special housing requirements or of the general medical condition of an inmate.
- B. Medical staff will present to the Facility Supervisor the completed "Medical Treatment Order for Inmate Housing."
- C. The Facility Supervisor who received the form will enter the information in the Event/Activity screen and initial the form.
- D. The deputy who completes the required action will sign the form.
- E. The form will be maintained in the inmate's classification file.

IV. INJURY OR ILLNESS

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- A. When an injury or illness occurs to an inmate while in custody, the discovering staff member shall immediately contact medical staff and request needed resources.
 - 1. The Facility Supervisor shall respond manage and request additional personnel and equipment, if needed.
 - 2. When it is necessary to have immediate emergency medical response, the Control Deputy will request an ambulance, advise the location of the injured, and the nature of the injury or illness.
 - a. Additional emergency personnel; i.e. Ukiah Fire Department, may also be dispatched to assist ambulance personnel.
 - b. Corrections Division personnel will provide life-saving assistance when necessary until the arrival of on-site medical personnel, and/or outside responding emergency personnel; and, will assist further if needed and required.
 - 3. The injured inmate will be transported from the facility in a most expedient manner.
 - a. The injured or ill inmate will be accompanied to the hospital by at least one Corrections Deputy. Security may necessitate additional personnel.
 - 4. It may be necessary and/or appropriate to transport the injured or ill inmate to the clinic and/or hospital emergency room if the inmate does not have to be transported by ambulance. This determination will be made by medical staff.
 - 5. Upon examination by on-site medical personnel, they may direct the inmate to be moved to the inmate's assigned cell/dormitory.

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