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Random Inmate Urinalysis
Urine Testing

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I. PURPOSE:

- A. To ensure safety and security of the Mendocino County Jail random urinalysis to detect alcohol or illegal narcotics use will be performed on all inmates. (Bell v. Wolfish)

II. POLICY:

- A. All inmates, including sentenced and unsentenced, will be subject to random urinalysis.
- B. Urine Panel-Dip tests that result in a positive will be followed up with a confirmation analysis by Redwood Toxicology Laboratory.
- C. Confirmed positives will result in internal disciplinary action and/or a criminal complaint filed with the District Attorney.
- D. This policy does not address specific incidents, for example: the smell of marijuana smoke in a module. If there is a specific reason, it will be part of an investigation to narrow down the offending parties to collect a urine sample.

III. DEFINITIONS:

- A. NOTIFICATION: Notification to inmates is accomplished by viewable signage by each housing unit, Inmate Handbook, and signing the Work Assignment Agreement form for those who are on work details.
- B. RANDOM: Random is without definite aim, direction, rule, or method.

IV. PROCEDURE:

- A. At least one week a month, the dayshift sergeant will perform a lottery, to determine which group of inmates will submit to urine testing.
 - 1. Groups are determined by work assignment or housing unit.

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- B. After a group has been determined, deputies will gather urine samples using the Panel-Dip substance abuse screening device. The instructions are on the packaging of each test.
 - 1. Urine samples will be gathered one at a time in a bathroom to ensure that the privacy of the inmate is protected.
- C. If a sample is determined to be positive by the Panel-Dip, the positive samples will be sent to the Redwood Toxicology Laboratory.
 - 1. When a sample is positive through the Panel-Dip an incident report will be written.
 - 2. If Redwood Toxicology Laboratory confirms the sample is confirmed positive, the inmate will be subject to criminal and/or disciplinary action.
- D. Refusals to submit to urine testing will result in discipline and if an inmate is an inmate worker, it will result in the loss of job assignment.

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