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SPECIAL HANDLING OF ARRESTEE/INMATE

I. POLICY

- A. Corrections Division staff will provide for the care and protection of those inmates who are classified as requiring special handling and housing consideration.

II. DEFINITIONS

- A. Developmentally Disabled - Any arrestee/inmate who is disabled due to mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, autism, or a combination of these handicaps; and may be unable to exercise care for their own safety or for the safety of others.
- B. Mentally Disordered - Any arrestee/inmate who displays a continuous pattern of mental illnesses characterized by severe symptoms such as delusions, hallucinations, an inability to evaluate reality in an objective manner, Alzheimer's or Alzheimer's-like conditions, or suicidal tendencies which cause an officer to believe the arrestee/inmate is a danger to himself, or a danger to others.
- C. Physically Disabled - Any arrestee/inmate who has a physical impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities such as seeing, hearing, speaking, walking, breathing, performing manual tasks, learning, caring for oneself, and working, has a record of such an impairment, or is regarded as having such an impairment.

III. PROCEDURE

A. DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

1. If, during the booking process or at any time during an arrestee's incarceration, it is determined an arrestee/inmate may be developmentally disabled, the Booking Deputy will immediately notify the Facility Supervisor and on-duty medical personnel.
- a) Arrestees/inmates identified with developmental disabilities should initially be separated from other inmates due to the high risk of their being victimized while in custody.

2. Medical personnel shall contact the Redwood Coast Regional Center, 1116 Airport Park Blvd, Ukiah, California, 462-3832 and advise them of the circumstances within 24 hours of such determination, excluding holidays and weekends.
 - a) The arrestee/inmate may already be a client of the Regional Center and could be provided services by the center which will assist in the management of the inmate while they are in custody, and with appropriate return to the community.
 - b) Redwood Coast Regional Center provides counselors to assist in the assessment of developmentally disabled individuals.
3. Classification staff will follow up and review the classification file for developmentally disabled inmates and make a determination as to the appropriate housing.
4. Medical and mental health staff will monitor the arrestee/inmate's progress while they are in custody and consult with the Regional Center on treatment and housing recommendations.
5. Periodic meetings are scheduled between jail staff, mental health staff, medical staff and Regional Center staff in order to conduct case management of developmentally disabled individuals in custody.

B. MENTALLY DISORDERED ARRESTEE/INMATE

1. Corrections staff will notify mental health and/or medical staff when an arrestees/inmates admits to having a mental disorder, or exhibit abnormal behavior while being booked or during incarceration.
2. The discovering staff member will brief the Facility Supervisor.
 - a) The staff member will prepare an Incident Report detailing their observations for use by mental health and classification personnel.
3. Corrections Staff will make a determination as to the appropriate housing of the inmate – Also see Policy and Procedure 501.00 *Inmate Classification*.
 - a) If a safety placement is warranted – See Policy and Procedure 503.20 *Use of Safety Cell* .
4. If housed, inmates can request mental health services by submitting a “sick call” slip.
 - a) Sick call slips can be placed in the medical box located inside each housing unit.
 - b) In an emergency, corrections staff will notify medical and/or mental health staff and standby with the inmate until they can be evaluated and a determination can be made as to their mental stability.

5. Inmates who are on administrative segregation will be seen by mental health and medical staff twice a week in order to monitor the inmate's mental stability.
6. Weekly meetings are held with classification staff and mental health staff in order to discuss the status of mentally ill persons in custody.

C. PHYSICALLY DISABLED INMATE

1. When the Booking Deputy observes that an arrestee is physically disabled (i.e. using a prosthetic device, has a hearing impairment or visual impairment), medical staff will be notified.
2. Physical disabilities will be evaluated by medical staff.
3. Accommodations will be made on a case-by-case basis in order to ensure the inmate has reasonable access to the courts, programs, visitation and jail recreational activities.

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