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POLICY:

The Sedgwick County Department of Corrections, Juvenile Services, Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center (JIAC) shall require that youth meet a minimum level of physical and mental health as part of the intake process for all youth presented at JIAC for intake.

APPLICATION:

Department of Corrections, Juvenile Intake and Assessment Center

PURPOSE:

To establish guidelines that can ensure safety and health, as well as an orderly procedure, for the intake of youth at JIAC.

DEFINITIONS:

As used in this document, the following shall apply:

Fit for Confinement

Fit for Confinement assessments can be conducted by a Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) with the determination made by an authorized physician that a juvenile is medically stable and has been medically cleared for acceptance into the facilities.

PROCEDURE:

- I. Medical Criteria for Admission to JIAC
 - A. Law enforcement officers shall be required to complete a medical screen located on the JIAC Officer Release form (8.804.1) prior to JIAC staff accepting the youth for processing at JIAC or for intake to the Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF).
 - B. JIAC staff shall ensure a law enforcement officer signs the JIAC Officer Release form (8.804.1) attesting that the information they provide on the form is true and correct. JIAC staff shall review any inconsistent information with the intake coordinator, program manager, and/or law enforcement supervisory staff to resolve any concerns prior to accepting the youth for intake.

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- C. If any of the following areas on the JIAC Officer Release form (8.804.1) are marked "Yes," the officer shall be required to obtain a medical release for the youth prior to being accepted at JIAC or JDF.
1. Physical injury that appears to need immediate medical care.
 2. Signs of acute illness that appear to need immediate medical care.
 3. Signs of intoxication with significant impairment in functioning.
 4. Has taken medications, illicit drugs, unknown substances and/or substances that pose a significant and immediate health risk.
 5. Displaying warning signs and symptoms for suicide that appear to need immediate medical care or a psychiatric assessment.
 6. Has been subject to a stun gun, a taser or other conducted energy weapon, or a temporary restraining device (e.g., a "WRAP") during or subsequent to the arrest.
- D. Prior to issuing the JIAC Officer Release Form (8.804.1), the asQ Suicide Risk Screening Tool (JIAC Form 8.804.3) shall be administered to each youth being brought in by law enforcement. Staff shall follow the Next Steps instructions on the tool.
- E. Prior to admission to JIAC, intake staff, in concert with the law enforcement officer, shall assess the youth's health status for signs of injury, intoxication and acute illness. Prior to issuing the JIAC Officer Release Form (8.804.1), the intake staff shall review the Kansas Standard Arrest Report for information pertinent to the JIAC Officer Release form (8.804.1).
- F. Regardless of what is marked on the JIAC Officer Release (8.804.1) or asQ Suicide Risk Screening Tool (8.804.3) forms, if in the opinion of the intake staff, the youth needs immediate medical attention or psychiatric assessment, the intake staff shall refuse admission until the youth has been taken to a hospital emergency room or psychiatric unit and evaluated by a physician or other medical or mental health professional.
- G. When required, a Medical/QMHP Release form (8.804.2), signed by a physician or qualified mental health professional, must be presented before JIAC will accept the youth.
1. In the absence of a physician's signature, verbal verification between Sedgwick County Department of Corrections (SCDOC) administrative staff or SCDOC contracted medical staff and the treating entity or provider, will be entered into the record to verify medical clearance or facility release.
 2. JIAC staff shall provide a copy of the signed Medical/QMHP Release form (8.804.2) to JDF booking staff for youth being detained.

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- H. The following examples are provided only as a further guideline to staff in making the decision to require a youth to receive medical attention.
 - 1. The youth has a fresh wound/cut (bleeding or not) that appears to need immediate medical attention (a cut that may require sutures).
 - 2. The youth may have sustained a head injury (including recent concussion or loss of consciousness).
 - 3. The youth has any swelling injuries, especially about the head and joints (pay attention to signs that circulation has been impaired due to the swelling – severe bruising or skin is very cold to the touch).
 - 4. The youth complains of moderate or severe pain related to any injury sustained during the arrest.
 - 5. The youth complains of severe nausea or dizziness or is vomiting.
 - 6. The youth has difficulty breathing (gasping, inability to catch his/her breath).
 - 7. The youth is unable to stand or walk without support.
 - 8. The youth is not oriented to self, time or place.
 - I. JIAC staff shall ensure the treating entity or provider who signed the Medical/QMHP Release form (8.804.2) has also provided documentation of the following:
 - 1. Identification of the issue of concern;
 - 2. Provider Discharge Summary Notes;
 - 3. Documentation of the youth's vital signs;
 - 4. Discharge instructions; and,
 - 5. Discharge medications.
 - J. JIAC staff shall review the medical documentation for the presence of:
 - 1. Wound care instructions (if applicable) and
 - 2. Follow up appointments (if any).
- II. Communication
- A. For youth being released, JIAC staff shall provide a copy of the supporting medical release documentation from the treating entity or provider to the caregiver accepting custody of the youth.

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- B. For youth being released to detention, JIAC staff shall provide the signed Medical/QMHP Release form (8.804.2) and supporting medical release documentation from the treating entity or provider to JDF admission staff.
- C. JIAC staff shall notify the JDF mental health team, the JDF/JRF contracted medical service provider and the SCDOC administrative coordinator by email of any identified mental health or medical concerns.
- D. JIAC staff may utilize the contracted medical services provider staff during their regular business schedule:
 - 1. For medical clearance when youth admit to use of illicit substances/show signs of significant impairment and JIAC anticipates the youth will be placed at the Juvenile Detention Facility (JDF) or the Juvenile Residential Facility (JRF).
 - 2. As a resource for Fit for Confinement assessments for youth going to JDF when unusual issues arise. For example, a youth is medically cleared, but still presents with medical concerns.
 - 3. To provide such care as is medically necessary until youth (arrested or at JIAC with a scheduled intake) can be transported to a medical care facility by the arresting agency or emergency services.
 - 4. To review the signed Medical/QMHP Release form (8.804.2) and supporting medical release documentation.