NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
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HEALTH CARE SERVICES
(TEMPORARY)

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RESPONSIBILITY

1. All Medical Division staff and all Medical Officers are responsible for compliance with this regulation.

2. The Medical Director is responsible for the formulation of health policy regarding the health care delivery system, including developing and monitoring standards and procedures for health care services for all inmates confined within the facilities. The Medical Director has overall responsibility for the clinical operation of the Medical Division.

3. The Medical Administrator is responsible for administrative management of the Medical Division including activities related to budget and fiscal management.

4. The Chiefs of Nursing Services administer and direct the organized nursing services of multiple prison facilities within their geographic area and supervise the institutional Directors of Nursing Services.

5. The institutional Director of Nursing Services (DONS) is the Health Care Administrator (HCA) at their respective institution. The HCA is responsible for the provision of health care services at that institution, ensuring all inmates have access to care. Additionally, the HCA is responsible for the overall administrative supervision of all Medical Division employees at their institution, except for health care practitioners. Health care practitioners report clinically to the Medical Director and administratively to the Warden at the institution assigned.

600.01 HEALTH CARE SERVICES

1. Health care services will provide for the physical and mental well-being of the population and will include treatment of serious medical, dental, and mental illness.

2. All medical, psychiatric, and dental matters involving medical judgment are the sole province of the responsible physician and dentist, respectively.

3. Each policy and procedure in the health care delivery system will be reviewed at least annually and revised if necessary.

4. To ensure continuity of care when an inmate is referred to a community provider, appropriate medical information will be shared with the new providers in accord with consent requirements.

5. The procedure for processing complaints regarding health care will be provided and explained to all inmates upon arrival in the facility in a language clearly understood by each inmate.

6. Non-medical staff will not approve or disapprove Requests for Medical Care (KITES).

7. The Medical Director will assure only qualified health care personnel will determine and supervise health care procedures.

8. The HCA, under the general supervision of the regional Chiefs of Nursing Services and in conjunction with the Medical Director and Medical Administrator, will make every effort to ensure the appropriate space, equipment, supplies, and material is available depending on the level of health care provided at their respective institution/facility.

9. If the Medical Division cannot provide the required in-patient or out-patient care inside the institution, the Medical Administrator will contract with outside facilities/providers to provide such care.

600.02 MENTAL HEALTH

1. A psychiatrist designated by the Medical Director will coordinate the clinical aspects of mental health care and the HCA will oversee nursing, administrative and other day-to-day operations.

2. The Medical Director will make every effort to ensure that an adequate number of qualified staff members are available to deal directly with inmates who have severe mental health problems, as well as to advise other correctional staff in their contacts with such individuals.

3. The HCA will provide for the detection, diagnosis, treatment, and referral of inmates with mental health problems at their respective institutions.

600.03 HEALTH CARE POLICIES, LICENSING, AND CERTIFICATIONS

1. The Medical Director will ensure that appropriate state and federal licensure, certification, or registration requirements and restrictions apply to personnel who provide health care to inmates.

A. The duties and responsibilities of such personnel will be governed by written job descriptions and approved by the Medical Director.

B. The Medical Director will give the final approval for the hiring of all health care personnel.

C. Verification of current credentials and job descriptions will be on file in the Office of the Medical Staff Development Coordinator.

APPLICABILITY

1. This regulation requires an Operational Procedure for the institutional infirmaries, Regional Medical Facility, Mental Health Unit, Extended Care Unit, Structured Care Unit, and Medical Intermediate Care Unit.

2. This regulation requires an audit.

Medical Director — Date 1/12/15

Director — Date 1/14/15