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**FACILITY SPECIFIC MANUAL**

**BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL**

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Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall (BJNJH) is located at 16350 Filbert Street, Sylmar, CA 91342. BJNJH serves as a temporary holding facility for juvenile detainees during their court proceedings. Ultimately, the youths will be released home to their parents (possibly on probation), placed in foster care, sent to a Los Angeles County Juvenile Camp, Los Angeles County Jail, California Prison or other correctional facilities. In addition, BJNJH houses male youths that have received longer sentences. BJNJH's maximum capacity is approximately 500 youth.

Youth are housed in 16 Living Units that have a maximum census of 30 to 35 youth each. The Living Unit is where the youth eat, sleep, and tend to their activities of daily living. There are 4 units which are designated the Compound which house the high-risk offenders. In addition, there is a Hope Center on location for males and females to help deescalate youth with an acute behavioral issue.

The clinical area consists of a Medical Unit with a nursing station and three adjoining exam rooms. There are also separate offices for the facility Psychiatrists and other Mental Health Staff. Included is also a dental suite with 1 operatory for annual dental evaluations and routine dental care. Youth receive their medications in their Living Units but receive other medical services in the Medical Area.

## **Nursing Hours of Operation**

There are nurses (Registered Nurses, Licensed Vocational Nurses, and Nursing Attendants) on duty seven (7) days a week, 24 Hours a day. In the event the staff on duty is unable to resolve to a nursing/medical issue, the Nurse Supervisor and/or Nurse Manager can be reached via cell phone. See Nurse Manager On-Call List.

## **Physician Hours of Operation**

There are physician clinics Monday through Friday during the daytime. If a Physician consult is needed, the notification procedure below may be followed:

- During physician clinic hours (typically Monday through Friday 7:30 AM to 4 PM): Notify the Physician on Duty at BJNJH.
- On weekends from 7:30 AM to 4 PM: Notify the Physician on Duty at Central Juvenile Hall.
- All other times: Contact the Physician On Call (refer to Physician Call schedule).

## **Dental Services**

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Youths requiring Dental Services are seen at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall. In addition, youths from Camp Scott are transported to BJNJH via Probation Transportation for dental care. Normal operating hours are Monday through Friday from 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Referrals to Dental Services are initiated by physician or nursing staff.

### **Pharmacy Services**

Medication is routinely delivered Monday through Saturday via a Pharmacy Driver from Central Juvenile Hall (CJH) where the main pharmacy is located. Pyxis machines located here are regularly stocked and maintained by the pharmacists.

### **Optometry Services**

Youth requiring Optometry Services are transported to Central Juvenile Hall to visit the Eye Clinic. Referral to Optometry Services is initiated by physician or nursing staff.

### **Mental Health Services**

Youth requiring Mental Health Services are seen at BJNJH by the Department of Mental Health (DMH) – Juvenile Justice Mental Health Program staff. Referral to Mental Health Services can be initiated by Probation, Physician or Nursing.

### **Outside Medical Services**

Youth requiring outside medical services and/or specialty appointments are typically transported by Probation to LAC+USC Healthcare Network located at 1200 North State Street, Los Angeles, CA 90033. Because of the close proximity, they may be going to Olive View Medical Center (a Los Angeles County facility) located at 14445 Olive View Dr., Sylmar, CA 91342 for medical services (e.g. Emergency Department). They may also be transported to another facility if they have already established a medical relationship with someone there.

If a youth is a resident of one of the designated Compound units and is a high-risk youth, they are transported via Sheriff to the outside appointment.

### **Medical Emergencies/First-Aid**

Nursing staff is on-site and available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to provide first aid and assist with medical emergencies. In the event of an emergency, any staff may access care by calling “911”.

### **Management of Contagious Diseases**

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For any suspected or confirmed contagious diseases, notify the Infection Control Manager at (323) 839-6225 for direction and the physician on duty/on-call.

**Health Information Management (HIM)**

The HIM Department has staff members on-site 5 days a week during the day. They are assigned to prepare charts for youth movement (transport), scan documents into Probation Electronic Medical Record System (PEMRS) and handle the release of medical information.

**Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)**

In accordance with Section 889 of the Welfare and Institutions Code (WIC) of the state of California, the county superintendent of schools is directed to establish and maintain public schools at the elementary or secondary level with the primary purpose for education of youth.

**Probation Services**

The Department of Probation is under the jurisdiction of the juvenile justice system and is considered as the legal guardian (locus parentis) of the youth. Upon initial arrival at BJNJH, the youth is orientated to procedures and protocols (e.g. Access to Care) by Probation staff.

**List of Important BJNJH Phone Numbers**

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Main number – Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall	(818) 364-2011
JCHS Departments (BJNJH)	
• Nursing	(818) 364-2071
• Medical Records	(818) 364-2085
• Dental	(818) 364-2073
• Mental Health	(818) 364-2155
BJNJH Superintendent	(818) 364-2001
Probation Officer of the Day	(818) 364-2006
LACOE	(818) 367-5942
Poison Control	(800) 222-1222
Medical Emergency	911
Central Juvenile Hall	(323) 226-8801
• Dental	(323) 226-8861
• Pharmacy	(323) 226-8859
• Laboratory	(323) 226-8809
• Optometry	(323) 226-8817
• Medical Records	(323) 226-8852
• Nursing/Physician	(323)226- 8819
Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall	(562) 940-4111
• Nursing	(562) 940-8864
• Medical Records	(562)940- 8609
• Dental	(562) 940-8601
• Mental Health	(562) 940-8757
JCHS Administration	(323) 226-8723/8724
JCHS Nursing Administration	(323) 226-8812
Department of Mental Health (Headquarters)	(213) 738-2078