

JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES

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PURPOSE

To describe the manner in which Juvenile Court Health Services (JCHS) provides healthcare delivery oversight.

POLICY

- Los Angeles County Health Agency – Department of Health Services is the Responsible Health Authority. The JCHS Medical Director is the designated person at the local level to ensure that the policies are implemented and quality of operations are monitored.
- JCHS is responsible for the delivery of general pediatric health care services to youth who are in custody of the Los Angeles County Department of Probation and are housed in a juvenile detention facility.
- The Los Angeles County Health Agency - Department of Mental Health is the Mental Health Authority responsible for the delivery of mental health care services to youth who are in custody of the Los Angeles County Department of Probation and are housed in a juvenile detention facility. The District Chief and Medical Directors for Juvenile Justice Mental Health are the designated persons at the local level to provide oversight of mental health services.
- JCHS collaborates with the Department of Probation, Department of Mental Health (DMH), and Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) to coordinate all aspects of health care and health policy for youth in custody.
- Because of the complexities of numerous locations throughout Los Angeles County, people will be delegated to monitor care at each location. This will provide a more consistent and frequent presence at each location. At the juvenile halls, the JCHS Nurse Manager will be the designee. At the residential treatment camps, a specific JCHS Nurse Supervisor will be the designee.
- The JCHS physicians assigned to cover a given facility have authority regarding clinical issues. When necessary, the JCHS Medical Director will make the final judgment in any decision related to health services at all facilities.

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AUTHORITY

California Code of Regulations, Title 15 Article 1 Section 1302
California Code of Regulations, Title 15 Article 8 Section 1400

REFERENCE

NCCHC Standard Y-A-02
DHS and Probation Department Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), 2012

REVIEW DATES

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