

JUVENILE COURT HEALTH SERVICES

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PURPOSE

To provide a process for ongoing evaluation of health care services for the youth at Probation facilities

To encourage self-assessment of medical care by each clinical unit

To promote multidisciplinary review processes through the use of a multidisciplinary committee

To promote continuous quality improvement throughout the organization emphasizing system processes using objective data analysis.

POLICY

A Quality Improvement (QI) Committee comprised of Department Heads or their designees for each department within JCHS along with representatives from Juvenile Justice Mental Health Programs (JJMHP) and Probation will meet regularly. The QI Committee will meet no less than quarterly.

The JCHS Quality Improvement Manager serves as chairperson with the JCHS Medical Director as co-chairperson of the QI Committee. They will be responsible to assist all QI Committee members to develop department- and facility-specific QI plans.

An overall Quality Improvement Plan (QIP) is developed and approved by the QI Committee. The QIP is a summary of JCHS' continuous QI program and dictates the process of identifying problems, implementing and monitoring corrective actions, and studying the effectiveness of these actions.

At least one formal process quality improvement study and/or one formal outcome quality improvement study will be conducted and evaluated by the QI Committee per year. For each study, a problem will be identified, a study completed, and improvements made whether through modifications or a corrective action plan, when necessary. Once the results are obtained, the identified issue will continue to be monitored and tracked and a summary of improvement or need for re-study will be documented.

Each JCHS Department will follow the general Quality Improvement Plan, develop its own departmental QI Plan and present data collection for QI activities conducted within their Department/Facilities.

Proceedings and data for all QI activities are confidential according to applicable State, local and federal laws and regulations.

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The Departmental representatives conducts an annual review of their own CQI study and present it at the QI Committee meeting. This is reflected in the minutes of the QI Committee meeting.

The JCHS Quality Improvement Plan will detail all specific requirements and procedures required to comply with the above policy.

AUTHORITY

California Code of Regulations, Title 15, Article 8, Section 1403

REFERENCE

NCCHC Standard Y-A-06

REVIEW DATES

July 7, 2011; December 27, 2012; June 2, 2018