

Butte County Sheriff's Office

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PHILOSOPHY AND GOALS

POLICY:

The Correction's Division will maximize all cost-effective alternatives to incarceration, but where not applicable, will maintain the constitutional, secure, and humane detention of arrested persons who cannot be released.

PHILOSOPHY:

Correction's division facilities were designed and constructed to provide the citizens of Butte County with a safe and secure environment, either complying with, or exceeding the standards stipulated by local state, federal, and professional agencies.

The facility operations will ensure incarcerated persons are provided with safe, secure, and humane treatment consistent with applicable standards, laws, and judicial decisions.

Alternatives to incarceration will be utilized in every case consistent with the Sheriff's responsibility to ensure public safety and protect individual rights.

A clean, safe environment, nutritional meals, medical services, recreation, programs, and activities are provided to meet the physical and psychological needs of incarcerated persons with the goal of providing each inmate the opportunity to better themselves physically, socially, and mentally while incarcerated.

The continuity of family and community contact will be encouraged by appropriate policies governing visiting, telephone usage, volunteer involvement, and US mail.

Staff will participate in the development and implementation of the division goals, objectives, policies, and procedures.

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CODE OF ETHICS

As a **CORRECTIONAL DEPUTY**, I recognize that I am given a special trust and confidence by the **Sheriff** and the public that I serve. This trust and confidence is my bond to ensure that I shall behave and act according to the highest professional principles. In furtherance of this pledge, I promise to abide by the following Code of Ethics:

I SHALL ENSURE that in the performance of my duties, I will enforce and administer the law of the state and policies of the Sheriff according to the principles of the United States Constitution and applicable laws of our state, so that equal protection of the law and due process are guaranteed to everyone. To that end, I shall not permit personal opinions, biases, prejudices, party affiliation, or consideration of the status of others to alter or lessen these principles.

I SHALL DEMONSTRATE standards of behavior consistent with the responsibilities, duties, obligations, and functions of a Correctional Deputy.

I SHALL NOT ENGAGE IN NOR CONDONE brutal, cruel, or inhumane treatment of others or of inmates in my care and custody.

I SHALL ADHERE, at all times, to the standards and principles of honesty and integrity, and I shall keep my private life unsullied as an example to all.

I SHALL ENSURE that there is proper use and accountability of property and funds entrusted to my care.

I SHALL PRACTICE sound judgments and decisions in fulfilling the assigned responsibilities, duties and functions of my position as Correctional Deputy.

I SHALL ENDEAVOR to maintain those standards of objectivity and merit for which I was hired, to the best of my ability.

I SHALL ENDEAVOR to perform my duties in a competent and excellent manner according to the standards given to me in my training and supervision.

I SHALL ENSURE that during my tenure I shall not use the position of Correctional Deputy for personal gain and I will conduct myself in the position of Correctional Deputy according to the best of my skill and power.

I ACCEPT and will adhere to this Code of Ethics. In so knowing, I also accept responsibility for encouraging others in my profession to abide by this Code.

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Chapter 1 - Role and Authority

Authority and Legal Assistance

100.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy acknowledges and reflects the legal authority under which the Butte County Sheriff's Office shall operate and maintain a local detention facility in this state. In addition to the authority vested by state law, the correctional facility operates in accordance with these laws, constitutional mandates, regulations and local ordinances.

100.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this Office that the local detention facility will be maintained by all lawful means for the incarceration of persons suspected of violating the law or who have been adjudicated as guilty of committing a crime or civil offense by a competent legal authority, as prescribed by law.

100.3 LEGAL FOUNDATION

Correctional Facility staff, at every level must have an understanding and true appreciation of their authority and limitations in the operation of a local detention facility. The Butte County Sheriff's Office recognizes and respects the value of all human life and the expectation of dignity without prejudice toward anyone. It is also understood that vesting law enforcement personnel with the authority to incarcerate suspected law violators to protect the public and prevent individuals from fleeing justice requires a careful balancing of individual rights and legitimate government interests.

100.4 LEGAL ASSISTANCE

The following are examples of areas where the services of the County Counsel and legal specialists can be of benefit to the Office:

- (a) Analyze and alert the correctional facility executive and correctional facility management team to correctional facility-related case law.
- (b) Serve as a legal consultant in the construction and review of new correctional facility policies and procedures.
- (c) Serve as a legal consultant on issues related, but not limited to:
 1. Use of force
 2. Faith-based requests
 3. Complaints and grievances
 4. Allegations of abuse by staff
- (d) Serve as legal counsel in legal matters brought against this office and the Sheriff.

100.4.1 LEGAL LIAISON

The Sheriff will designate one or more staff to act as a liaison between the Office and the County Counsel's office. The legal liaison officer will provide an orientation of the facility and detention facility policies to representatives of the County Counsel's office as needed.

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Annual Review and Performance-Based Goals and Objectives

101.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Butte County Sheriff's Office is dedicated to the concept of continuous improvement in the services provided on behalf of the public and in accordance with applicable laws, regulations, and best practices in the operation of this facility. This policy establishes minimum review criteria to measure and evaluate the success of achieving established goals and objectives.

101.2 POLICY

The Butte County Sheriff's Office shall strive to continually improve the operation of its facilities to ensure they are safe, humane, and protect inmates' constitutional and statutory rights. To this end, the Office shall conduct an annual review to evaluate its progress in meeting stated goals and objectives. This review will be initiated by the Compliance Sergeant during the first quarter of each calendar year, January - March.

101.3 ANNUAL REVIEW

The Jail Commander should ensure that the custody management team, consisting of the Captain, Lieutenants and Compliance Sergeant, conducts an annual management review of, at a minimum:

- (a) Statutory, regulatory, and other requirements applicable to the operation of the facility.
- (b) Lawsuits and/or court orders/consent decrees.
- (c) Office policies, procedures, directives, and post orders that guide the operation of the facility.
- (d) Fiscal operations and accounting procedures.
- (e) Personnel issues/actions that include but are not limited to on-the-job injuries, internal affairs investigations, employee grievances, employee discipline, selection, and recruitment.
- (f) Compliance with internal/external inspections of the facility.
- (g) Condition of the physical plant, infrastructure, and maintenance efforts.
- (h) Cleanliness of the facility.
- (i) Inmate profiles and trends that measure:
 1. Inmate population (Average Daily Population).
 2. Inmate population by gender.
 3. Highest one-day count.
 4. Bookings/releases.
 5. Percentage of male inmates.
 6. Percentage of female inmates.

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7. Juveniles in custody.
 8. Felony inmates in custody.
 9. Misdemeanor inmates in custody.
 10. Pretrial population.
 11. Sentenced population.
 12. Medical beds.
 13. Mental health beds.
 14. Meal counts (regular, medical, court meals).
 15. Early releases.
 16. Alternative-to-incarceration participants.
 17. Special needs inmates.
 18. Classification issues.
 19. Inmate grievances (founded/denied).
 20. Demographics (age, race, gang affiliation).
 21. Court movement.
- (j) Security issues that include:
1. Inmate-on-inmate assaults.
 2. Inmate-on-staff assaults.
 3. Major disturbances.
 4. Deaths in custody (natural/suicide/homicide/accidents).
 5. Suicide attempts (15 CCR 1030).
- (k) Inmate programs including:
1. Education.
 2. Commissary.
 3. Drug and alcohol programs.
 4. Faith-based services.

101.4 CRITERIA TO MEASURE PERFORMANCE

The following items will be used to measure and evaluate the level of success in achieving the office's stated goals:

- (a) Fiscal year budget surpluses or successful operations even with budget reduction
- (b) Findings from independent financial audits
- (c) Inmate grievances

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- (d) Documentation that office investigators have completed the required specialized training in conducting sexual abuse investigations (28 CFR 115.34)
- (e) Documented training hours received by staff
- (f) Completed audits of the policy and procedures manuals

101.5 MANAGEMENT REVIEW PROCESS

The management team may employ several methods to assess performance, including the following:

- (a) **Performance analysis** - Performance analysis attempts to discover discrepancies between the expected and actual levels of performance. This analysis should focus on whether the practices in this facility are meeting the mission of the Office and whether office policies and procedures are in alignment with statutes, regulations, and court orders.
- (b) **One-to-one interviews** - Scheduled interviews with custody staff held in private to encourage candid responses to help identify issues or conditions that should be targeted for review or correction.
- (c) **Questionnaires** - Questionnaires should be used as a group method to solicit suggestions and information about what operations are in need of adjustment or where program resources should be directed.
- (d) **Staff debriefing** - Staff should be periodically debriefed, especially after an emergency operation or incident, to identify aspects of facility operations that may need to be addressed by the Jail Commander and supervisors.
- (e) **Inspection findings** - The Office is subject to a variety of administrative inspections (standard-setting authorities, command staff, grand jury, jail advocates). These annual inspections should be used to identify ongoing issues in the operation of this facility.

101.6 MANAGEMENT REVIEW RESULTS

To the extent practicable the individuals responsible for the development of a management review should follow the guidelines established in the Administrative Communications Policy and Annual Facility Inspection Policy to document and support the findings. A complete report of the review results should be submitted to the appropriate level in the chain of command for final approval.

The results of management reviews should be used in the ongoing process of continuous improvement. They should be used to direct changes in the operation of this facility or to identify successful operations that might be replicated in other areas of the facility. They should not, however, include specific identifying information of incidents or involved individuals.

The results of management reviews also may be used in full or in part to respond to inquiries from interested groups, such as the local legislative body, courts, grand jury or others, to provide information on issues concerning the operation of this facility, including action planning whenever appropriate.

Special Assignments and Promotions

104.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for promotions and for making special assignments within the Butte County Sheriff's Office.

104.2 POLICY

The Butte County Sheriff's Office determines assignments and promotions in a nondiscriminatory manner based upon job-related factors and candidate skills and qualifications. Assignments and promotions are made by the Sheriff.

104.3 PROMOTIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Requirements and information regarding any promotional process are available at Butte Department of Human Resources.

104.3 SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT POSITIONS

The following positions are considered special assignments and not promotions:

- (a) Hostage Negotiator
- (b) Canine handler
- (c) Security Threat Group (e.g., gang unit)
- (d) Classification
- (e) Training Officer
 - 1. Training Officer
 - 2. Defensive tactics instructor
 - 3. Firearms/Control devices instructor
- (f) Court/Transportation
- (g) Administrative Services
- (h) Alternative Custody Programs, ACS & SWAP

104.3.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The following requirements should be considered when selecting a candidate for a special assignment:

- (a) One years of relevant experience
- (b) Off probation
- (c) Possession of or ability to obtain any certification required by the California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) or law
- (d) Exceptional skills, experience, or abilities related to the special assignment

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104.3.1 EVALUATION CRITERIA

The following criteria will be used in evaluating candidates for a special assignment:

- (a) Presents a professional, neat appearance.
- (b) Maintains a physical condition that aids in his/her performance.
- (c) Expresses an interest in the assignment.
- (d) Demonstrates the following traits:
 - 1. Emotional stability and maturity.
 - 2. Stress tolerance.
 - 3. Sound ethical judgment and decision-making.
 - 4. Personal integrity and ethical conduct.
 - 5. Leadership skills.
 - 6. Initiative.
 - 7. Adaptability and flexibility.
 - 8. Ability to conform to office goals and objectives in a positive manner.
 - 9. Reliability

104.3.2 SELECTION PROCESS

The selection process for special assignments will include an administrative evaluation as determined by the Sheriff to include:

- (a) Supervisor recommendations - Each supervisor who has supervised or otherwise been involved with the candidate will submit a recommendation.
 - 1. The supervisor recommendations will be submitted to the Division Commander for whom the candidate will work.
- (b) Division Commander interview - The Division Commander will schedule interviews with each candidate.
 - 1. Based on supervisor recommendations and those of the Division Commander after the interview, the Division Commander will submit his/her recommendations to the Sheriff.
- (c)

The selection process for all special assignment positions may be waived for temporary assignments, emergency situations, training, and at the discretion of the Sheriff.

104.3.3 DISQUALIFICATION

The Butte County Sheriff's Office shall not promote, assign, or transfer any member to a position that may allow contact with inmates if the member has (28 CFR 115.17):

- (a) Engaged in sexual abuse in a prison, jail, lockup, community confinement facility, juvenile facility, or other institution as defined in 42 USC § 1997.

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- (b) Been convicted of engaging in or attempting to engage in sexual activity facilitated by force, by overt or implied threats of force, or by coercion, or if the victim did not consent or was unable to consent or refuse.
- (c) Been civilly or administratively adjudicated to have engaged in the activity described in paragraph (b) of this section.

Post Orders

105.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the development of post orders and the training of members assigned to each post.

105.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office to develop comprehensive post orders for every position. Copies of the orders should be maintained at each post or available electronically. Members shall be familiar with the post orders before working a position.

105.3 DEVELOPMENT

Clear procedures should be incorporated into post orders for all regular daily activities including, but not limited to, safety checks, head counts, meals, sick call, recreation, clothing exchange, mail distribution and response to emergencies, such as fires, natural disasters and criminal acts.

105.4 REVIEW AND UPDATE

Post orders shall be reviewed at least annually and updated whenever necessary by the Jail Commander or the authorized designee.

105.5 TRAINING

The Administrative Sergeant shall ensure that all staff members assigned to posts are properly trained to perform all of the duties and responsibilities described in the post orders. This is particularly true in fire, life-safety and the emergency response procedures that have been implemented by the Jail Commander. All training should be documented in each member's training file and retained in accordance with established records retention schedules.

Chapter 2 - Organization and Administration

Supervision of Inmates - Minimum Requirements

200.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the safety and security of the facility through the application of appropriate staffing levels.

200.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this facility to provide for the safety and security of citizens, staff and inmates through appropriate staffing levels that are sufficient to operate the facility and perform functions related to the safety, security, custody and supervision of inmates.

200.3 SUPERVISION OF INMATES

There shall be, at all times, sufficient staff designated to remain in the facility for the supervision and welfare of inmates, to ensure the implementation and operation of all programs and activities as required by Title 15 CCR Minimum Jail Standards, and to respond to emergencies when needed. Such staff must not leave the facility while inmates are present and should not be assigned duties that could conflict with the supervision of inmates (15 CCR 1027).

When both male and female inmates are held at this facility, a minimum of one male and one female correctional deputy should be on-duty in the correctional facility at all times.

Staff members shall not be placed in positions of responsibility for the supervision and welfare of inmates of the opposite sex in circumstances that can be described as an invasion of privacy or that may be degrading or humiliating to the inmates. Staff used as program resource personnel with inmates should be of the same sex as the inmates when reasonably available. However, at least one staff member of the same sex as the inmates should be on-duty and available to the inmates during all such activities.

To the extent reasonably practicable, inmate bathrooms will contain modesty screens that preserve privacy without creating areas that cannot be properly supervised.

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall be responsible for developing staffing plans to comply with this policy. Records of staff deployment should be maintained in accordance with established records retention schedules (Penal Code § 4021; 15 CCR 1027).

200.4 SEPARATION OF DUTIES

Maintenance personnel are employed to perform preventive, routine and emergency maintenance functions. Custody staff will not be given physical plant maintenance duties that distract from their primary responsibility of supervising inmates.

Prohibition on Inmate Control

201.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to define the requirement that staff should at all times exercise control of the inmate population under their supervision and should prevent inmates from controlling other inmates within the facility.

201.2 POLICY

All staff, including support staff, contractors and volunteers should exercise control and supervision of all inmates under their control. It is the policy of this office to prohibit any staff member to implicitly allow, or by dereliction of duty allow, any inmate or group of inmates to exert authority over any other inmate (Penal Code § 4019.5; 15 CCR 1083(c)).

201.3 EDUCATION, DRUG OR ALCOHOL PROGRAM ASSISTANTS

Nothing in the policy is intended to restrict the legitimate use of inmates to assist in the instruction of educational or drug and alcohol programs. Any use of inmates in this manner will be expressly authorized by the Jail Commander in a legally prescribed manner. Any program that uses inmates to assist in legitimate program activities will be closely supervised by facility employees or vocational instructors. Nothing in this section is intended to authorize an inmate program assistant to engage in disciplining other inmates.

Records and Data Practices

203.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes guidelines for the control and access of confidential records by staff, contractors and volunteers.

203.2 ACCESS TO CRIMINAL RECORDS

Official files, documents, records, electronic data, video and audio recordings and information held by the Butte County Sheriff's Office or in the custody or control of office employees, volunteers or contractors are regarded as non-public and/or confidential.

Access to confidential paper or electronically generated records in this facility is restricted at various locations according to job function and the need to know. Employees working in assigned areas will only have access to the information that is necessary for the performance of their duties. Granting access to other employees or anyone outside of the work area must meet with supervisory approval. All requests for information received from outside the Office shall be forwarded to the Jail Commander.

Custody staff, volunteers and contractors shall not access, disclose or permit the disclosure or use of such files, documents, reports, records, video or audio recordings or other confidential information except as required in the performance of their official duties and in accordance with office policies, statutes, ordinances and regulations related to data practices.

Custody staff, volunteers and contractors who are uncertain of the confidentiality status of any document should consult with a supervisor or Jail Commander to determine the status of the documents in question.

203.3 STAFF TRAINING

All custody staff, volunteers and contracted employees will receive training on office records, policies and confidentiality requirements, including the potential criminal and civil penalties that may result from a breach of confidentiality in violation of this policy and all applicable statutes.

Report Preparation

205.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Report preparation is a major part of each correctional deputy's job. The purpose of reports is to refresh the correctional deputy's memory and to provide sufficient information for a follow-up investigation and successful prosecution or a disciplinary proceeding. Report writing is the subject of substantial formal and on-the-job training.

205.2 REPORT PREPARATION

Employees should ensure that reports are sufficiently detailed for their purpose and free from errors prior to submission. Reports shall be prepared by the staff assigned to investigate or document an incident, approved by a supervisor and submitted to the Jail Commander or the authorized designee in a timely manner (15 CCR 1044). Any incident resulting in death, injury or endangerment to staff or a visitor, serious injury to an inmate, escape, a major disturbance, a facility emergency or an unsafe condition at the facility shall be submitted to the Jail Commander as soon as practicable but within 24 hours of the incident. It is the responsibility of the assigned employee to ensure that all the above listed reports meet this requirement or that supervisory approval has been obtained to delay the report. The supervisor must determine whether the report will be available in time for appropriate action to be taken, such as administrative notifications or resolution, investigative leads or an inmate disciplinary proceeding.

All reports shall accurately reflect the identity of the persons involved, all pertinent information seen, heard or assimilated by any other sense, and any actions taken. Employees shall not suppress, conceal or distort the facts of any reported incident, nor shall any employee make a false report orally or in writing. Generally, the reporting employee's opinions should not be included in reports unless specifically identified as such.

205.3 REQUIRED REPORTING

Written reports are required in all of the following situations on the appropriate office-approved form unless otherwise approved by a supervisor (15 CCR 1044).

205.3.1 CRIMINAL ACTIVITY REPORTING

When an employee responds to an incident, or as a result of self-initiated activity, and becomes aware of any activity where a crime has occurred, the employee is required to document the activity. The fact that a victim is not desirous of prosecution is not an exception to documentation.

205.3.2 INCIDENT REPORTING

Incident reports generally serve as an in-house notation of occurrences in the facility and to initiate, document and support the inmate disciplinary process. The Office shall establish a filing system that differentiates between incident reports, crime reports and disciplinary actions. This policy does not require the duplication of information on two different forms. Where both exist, cross-referencing facilitates retrieval of one or both.

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Incidents that shall be documented using the appropriate approved report include (15 CCR 1044):

- (a) Non-criminal incidents of rule violations by inmates.
- (b) Attempted suicide or suicidal ideation on the part of an inmate, if known.
- (c) Non-criminal breaches of security or evidence of an escape attempt.
- (d) Non-criminal security threats, including intelligence related to correctional facility activities.
- (e) Significant incidents related to medical issues, health or safety in the correctional facility.
- (f) Discovery of contraband in the possession of inmates or their housing areas.
- (g) Detaining or handcuffing any visitor at the facility.
- (h) Traffic collisions involving office vehicles.
- (i) Risk management incidents to include injuries to inmates and lost or damaged property.
- (j) Accidental injuries of staff, inmates or the general public.

205.3.3 DEATHS

All deaths shall be investigated and a report completed by a qualified investigating officer to determine the manner of death and to gather information, including statements of inmates and staff who were in the area at the time the death occurred.

Reporting of deaths will be handled in accordance with the Reporting Inmate Deaths Policy.

205.3.4 INJURY OR DAMAGE BY OFFICE PERSONNEL

Reports shall be taken if an injury occurs that is a result of an act of an employee. Reports shall be taken involving damage to property or equipment.

205.3.5 USE OF FORCE

Reports related to the use of force shall be made in accordance with the Use of Force Policy.

205.4 GENERAL POLICY OF EXPEDITIOUS REPORTING

In general, all employees and supervisors shall act with promptness and efficiency in the preparation and processing of all reports. An incomplete report, unorganized reports or reports delayed without supervisory approval are not acceptable. Reports shall be processed according to established priorities or according to special priority necessary under exceptional circumstances.

205.4.1 GENERAL USE OF OTHER HANDWRITTEN FORMS

County, state and federal agency forms may be block printed as appropriate. In general, the form itself may make the requirement for typing apparent.

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205.5 REPORT CORRECTIONS

Supervisors shall review reports for content and accuracy. If a correction is necessary, the reviewing supervisor should return it to the reporting employee for correction as soon as practicable. It shall be the responsibility of the originating employee to ensure that any report returned for correction is processed in a timely manner. It shall be the responsibility of the supervisor rejecting the report to follow up on any report corrections not received in a timely manner.

205.6 REPORT CHANGES OR ALTERATIONS

Reports that have been approved by a supervisor and submitted to the Records Section for filing and distribution shall not be modified or altered except by way of a supplemental report. Reviewed reports that have not yet been submitted to the Records Section may be corrected or modified by the authoring employee only with the knowledge and authorization of the reviewing supervisor. Reviewing supervisors should not alter reports. When modifications are required, these should be the responsibility of the authoring employee.

205.7 ELECTRONIC SIGNATURES

The Butte Correctional Facility has established an electronic signature procedure for use by all employees of the Butte Correctional Facility. The Jail Commander or the authorized designee (Information Systems Unit) shall be responsible for maintaining the electronic signature system and ensuring that each employee creates a unique, confidential password for his/her electronic signature. The system use and design shall follow the requirements of Civil Code § 1633 et seq. when applicable.

- (a) Employees may only use their electronic signature for official reports or other official communications.
- (b) Each employee shall be responsible for the security and use of his/her electronic signature and shall promptly notify a supervisor if the electronic signature has or may have been compromised or misused.

Chapter 4 - Emergency Planning

Fire Safety

402.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The threat of fire and toxic smoke in the facility represents a significant risk to the safety and security of the community, the staff, inmates, volunteers, contractors, and visitors. The purpose of this policy is to clearly identify and conform to applicable federal, state, and/or local fire safety codes, and to establish a process of creating, disseminating, and training all individuals in the facility on the emergency plans for fire safety and evacuation.

402.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office that fire prevention strategies are a high priority.

The Jail Commander shall ensure that a fire alarm and detection and suppression system, as required by law, are installed, maintained, and periodically tested. Any variance, exception, or equivalency issues must be approved by the fire jurisdiction authorities and must not constitute a serious life-safety threat to the occupants of the facility (15 CCR 1029(a)(7)(A); 15 CCR 1032 et seq.).

402.2.1 FIRE CODES

The Office shall conform to all federal, state, and local fire safety codes.

402.2.2 FIRE PREVENTION RESPONSIBILITY

All staff, volunteers, and contractors who work in the facility are responsible for the prevention of fires. They should be trained and given the tools to carry out the tasks necessary to reduce the risk of fire.

402.3 FIRE SUPPRESSION PRE-PLANNING

Pursuant to Penal Code § 6031.1, the Jail Commander shall, in cooperation with the local fire department or other qualified entity, develop a plan for responding to a fire. The plan shall include but is not limited to (15 CCR 1032):

- (a) A fire suppression pre-plan by the local fire department, to be included as part of this policy.
- (b) Fire prevention, safety inspection plans, and record retention schedules developed by designated staff or as required by applicable law.
- (c) Fire prevention inspections as required by Health and Safety Code § 13146.1(a) and (b), which requires inspections at least once every two years.
- (d) Documentation of all fire prevention inspections, all orders to correct, and all proofs of correction should be maintained for a minimum of two years or as otherwise required by law.
- (e) An evacuation plan (see the Evacuation Policy).
- (f) A plan for the emergency housing of inmates in case of fire.

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- (g) A plan for the cross-training of responders and facility staff via drills, which should occur at least quarterly, if practicable.

402.4 FIRE PREVENTION EQUIPMENT

All required fire alarms, sprinklers, and detection devices shall be in good working order at all times.

Should such a device become inoperative, the Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall be responsible for ensuring that emergency repairs are undertaken as soon as possible and that staff is provided with an alternative emergency fire safety and evacuation plan.

Any time any fire prevention system is inoperative and poses a serious life-safety risk, that portion of the facility shall not be inhabited by inmates or staff.

402.5 FIREFIGHTING EQUIPMENT

The Jail Commander shall ensure that the facility is equipped with the necessary firefighting equipment (e.g., fire hoses, extinguishers) in an amount and in a location as recommended by the local fire authority or other qualified entity. The locations of firefighting equipment will be shown on the facility fire plan (schematic).

While the staff is not trained as fully qualified firefighters, the Jail Commander or the authorized designee will ensure that the staff is trained to initially respond to a fire with the purpose of facilitating the safety of the occupants, including evacuation, if necessary.

402.6 FIRE TRAINING

The staff should also be trained in the use of the facility's firefighting equipment sufficient to demonstrate proficiency. The staff should receive refresher training at least annually on the use of firefighting equipment.

The Compliance Sergeant or designee will be trained to maintain the facility's firefighting equipment.

402.7 INSPECTIONS

The Office shall be inspected by an appointed staff member who is qualified to perform fire and safety inspections on a monthly basis to ensure that fire safety standards are maintained. These inspections will be focused on, but not limited to, fire prevention, staff training and proficiency, firefighting equipment availability and functionality, alarms, fire detectors, fire safety equipment, and staff familiarity with prevention and suppression techniques, suppression pre-planning,, emergency response, fire safety equipment use, and the evacuation plan.

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall ensure that staff conduct weekly fire and safety inspections of the facility and that all fire safety equipment is tested at least quarterly (15 CCR 1029(a)(7)(E)).

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A staff member shall be assigned to coordinate with local or state fire officials for the inspections as required once every two years, pursuant to Health and Safety Code § 13146.1(a); and Health and Safety Code § 13146.1(b). The result of all fire inspections and fire equipment testing shall be provided to the Jail Commander and the Sheriff, and the records maintained for at least two years (15 CCR 1032(b)).

402.7.1 FLAMMABLE, TOXIC AND CAUSTIC MATERIALS

The Jail Commander, in collaboration with the local environmental health expert, will review the type of materials introduced into the facility to ensure that flammable, toxic, and caustic materials are controlled and used safely. All such materials will be safely stored and only used by inmates under the direction of the staff.

402.8 EMERGENCY HOUSING OF INMATES

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall develop a plan for the emergency housing of inmates in the event of a fire (15 CCR 1032(e)). The plan should include procedures for continuing to house inmates in the facility, identification of alternate facilities and the potential capacity of those facilities, inmate transportation options, and contact information for allied agencies. This plan shall be reviewed annually and revised if necessary.

Emergency Power and Communications

403.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Butte County Sheriff's Office facility must continue to operate as a safe and secure environment regardless of emergencies, including electrical outages. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines regarding back-up power and communication systems, and the inspection, preventive maintenance and testing of the systems to ensure a seamless transition in the event of a loss of power.

403.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office to ensure that power to critical systems and communications continues to operate within the facility in the event of a loss of power.

403.2.1 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

It is the responsibility of the Sheriff and Jail Commander to ensure that there is sufficient emergency power to operate all essential lighting, security equipment, safety equipment and communications systems. The emergency power system should have sufficient fuel to allow the facility to operate continuously for a three-day period, if necessary, without external resources.

The emergency power system should be inspected, tested and maintained as necessary. In the event that the system fails, the Jail Commander or Watch Commander should contact the designated maintenance authority or repair company to obtain necessary repairs as soon as practicable. If the emergency power system cannot be repaired within eight hours, portable emergency generators should be secured as a temporary emergency power source until the repair or replacement of the primary system occurs.

403.2.2 SAFETY AND SECURITY

All safety and security equipment will be repaired or replaced in an expedited manner by qualified personnel. In the event that safety and security equipment become inoperable or damaged and it is not safe to operate a secure portion of the facility, that portion of the facility should be vacated and the inmates housed elsewhere. Or, staffing should be increased sufficiently for the area to remain safe and secure until the repair can be completed.

403.2.3 INSPECTION AND TESTING

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee is responsible for scheduled testing of emergency power systems (15 CCR 1029). The power system manufacturer should be contacted for the required testing intervals and load information. The emergency power system should be load-tested in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations or at least quarterly.

All emergency equipment and systems should be inspected and tested by a qualified individual at least quarterly.

Power generators should be inspected and tested by a qualified individual at least weekly.

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All testing and inspections shall be documented and the results included in a report to the Jail Commander.

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Population Management System

500.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a system of inmate population accounting that promotes the safety and security of the facility on a daily operational basis. It assembles data that enables the Office to forecast staffing and facility growth needs into the future, and to plan for the associated expenditures.

500.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this facility that an inmate population management system should be established and maintained to account for the admission, processing and release of inmates. The Jail Commander or the authorized designee is responsible for ensuring that detailed daily reports of the facility's inmate population are completed and maintained by the staff. The reports shall reflect the average daily population of sentenced and non-sentenced inmates by categories of adult male, adult female and juvenile male and juvenile female. The Jail Commander should collect and submit the data to the Sheriff in a monthly report within 10 working days of the end of each month. The Sheriff or the authorized designee should maintain the data in an accessible format for historical purposes, trend analysis and to respond to funding opportunities (15 CCR 1040).

500.2.1 DATA COLLECTION

For each reporting period, the report should include, but will not be limited to:

- (a) Current number of beds in:
 - 1. Compliance with local or state standards
 - 2. General housing
 - 3. Medical/mental health
- (b) Average Daily Population (ADP) for:
 - 1. Minimum security
 - 2. Maximum security
 - 3. High security
 - 4. Administrative segregation
- (c) Highest one-day inmate population
- (d) Number and/or percentage of:
 - 1. Bookings
 - 2. Male inmates
 - 3. Female inmates

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4. Non-sentenced inmates
 5. Felony inmates
 6. pretrial inmates released
 7. Sentenced inmates released early due to lack of space
 8. Inmates receiving psychotropic medication
- (e) Number of inmates:
1. Enrolled in work release program
 2. Enrolled in work furlough program
 3. Assigned to home electronic monitoring program
- (f) Number of:
1. Inmate-on-inmate assaults
 2. Inmate-on-staff assaults
 3. Escapes/attempted escapes
 4. Active misdemeanor warrants
 5. Active felony warrants
 6. Inmate grievances and dispositions
 7. Inmate disciplinary reports and dispositions
- (g) Any other demographic information (e.g., gang activity)

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee is responsible for ensuring that all required information is supplied to the Board of State and Community Corrections as required (15 CCR 1040).

Inmate Counts

501.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Inmate counts are vital to the security of the facility, the safety of the staff, and the welfare of the inmates. This policy establishes guidelines for the frequency of inmate counts, which ensures that all inmates and their status can be accounted for at any time.

501.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office to account for all inmates within and under the control of this facility through scheduled and other counts as needed (15 CCR 1029(a)(6)).

501.3 PROCEDURE

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall be responsible for creating and maintaining a written procedure establishing the process and frequency of counts. Inmate counts shall be conducted at least once every twelve hours. Emergency counts may be conducted at the direction of the Watch Commander as needed. Electronic counts shall not be substituted for direct staff observation.

All counts shall be documented on the daily activity log and verified by the Watch Commander. Counts shall include all inmates in custody, including those on work assignments, and those who are off-site, such as at the hospital or court.

Any discrepancy in the count should immediately be reported to the Jail Commander and resolved prior to the release of the shift personnel responsible for the count. A formal count in which all inmates are personally identified by a correctional deputy should be conducted once a day at a time established by the Jail Commander. The result of the formal count will be used to calculate the average daily population statistics for the facility.

In the event that an escape is discovered during the inmate count, the Watch Commander will initiate action to investigate the escape by promptly notifying law enforcement agencies and the Jail Commander, initiating a search, and complying with other procedures as needed in accordance with the Facility Emergencies Policy.

A complete report of the incident will be prepared and provided to the Jail Commander and Sheriff as soon as practicable.

Daily count sheets shall be reviewed by the Watch Commander and forwarded to the Utility Officer for archiving. Count sheets shall be maintained for a period of time prescribed by statute, ordinance, or policy.

Inmate Handbook and Orientation

503.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides for the orientation of inmates booked into the Butte County Sheriff's Office facility. The purpose of the orientation is to inform inmates of the correctional facility routine, rules, inmate rights, and services.

503.2 POLICY

The Jail Commander shall provide an effective method of orienting all incoming inmates that includes an inmate handbook. The orientation should take place within 24 hours of an inmate's admission and in any event prior to the inmate being moved to general population housing and should be an ongoing process in the housing area so that the information is available to the inmates throughout their entire time in custody.

503.3 INITIAL ORIENTATION

To assist with the inmate's transition into a custody environment, the orientation will include the following topics, supplemented by a more detailed inmate handbook that will be provided to each inmate (15 CCR 1069):

- (a) Facility rules and disciplinary sanctions
- (b) Correspondence, visiting, and telephone rules
- (c) Inmate grievance procedure
- (d) , fees, and charges
- (e) Medical, dental, and mental health services
- (f) Possibilities for pretrial release
- (g) Programs and activities, including application procedures
- (h) Classification/housing assignments and appeal procedures
- (i) Court appearance, where scheduled, if known
- (j) Availability of personal care items and opportunities for personal hygiene
- (k) Emergency procedures (e.g., fires, evacuations)
- (l) Sexual abuse and sexual harassment information, including the following (28 CFR 115.33):
 - 1. Facility's zero-tolerance policy
 - 2. Prevention and intervention
 - 3. Instruction on how inmates can avoid being victims of sexual abuse and sexual harassment through self-protection techniques
 - 4. Treatment and counseling for victims of sexual abuse or sexual harassment

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5. Reporting sexual abuse or sexual harassment incidents, including how to report such incidents anonymously
6. Mailing addresses and telephone numbers, including toll-free hotline numbers where available, of local, state, or national victim advocacy or rape crisis organizations, and, for persons detained solely for civil immigration purposes, immigrant services agencies (28 CFR 115.53)
7. Information regarding confidentiality, monitoring, and mandatory reporting
 - (m) Contacting foreign consuls
 - (n) Requests for religious accommodations
 - (o) Emergency procedures (e.g., fires, evacuations)
 - (p) Voting, including registering to vote
 - (q) Direction for pregnant inmates, including the information required in Penal Code § 3407(e) and 15 CCR 1058.5
 - (r) The right to be taken before a magistrate in this county if held on an out-of-county warrant (Penal Code § 821; Penal Code § 822)

In addition to English, orientation information will be provided in the most commonly used languages for the inmate population.

The Jail Commander should consider enlisting the assistance of volunteers who are qualified and proficient in both English and the language in which they are providing translation assistance to translate the orientation information. Use of outside translation sources may also be considered.

Interpretive services will be provided to inmates who do not speak English or any of the other languages in which the orientation information is available.

A written and signed acknowledgment of the orientation and receipt of the handbook should be maintained in the inmate's permanent file (28 CFR 115.33).

503.4 ORIENTATION FOR NON-READERS, VISUALLY IMPAIRED, AND DEAF OR HARD-OF-HEARING INMATES

Inmates who cannot read, are visually impaired, or have intellectual, psychiatric, or speech disabilities, or limited reading skills shall have the materials read to them by a staff member or presented to them using audible recorded media (28 CFR 115.16).

Inmates who are deaf or hard of hearing shall be provided with interpretation services. Reasonable efforts should be made by the staff to assist the inmate in understanding the information.

Inmate Safety Checks

504.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a requirement for conducting visual safety checks for all inmates, and for creating and maintaining a log to document all safety checks.

504.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Butte County Sheriff's Office that all correctional staff shall conduct safety checks on all inmates, at a frequency determined by inmate custody status, housing classification, and applicable state law.

504.3 SAFETY CHECKS

The staff shall adhere to the following procedures when conducting safety checks (15 CCR 1027; 15 CCR 1027.5):

- (a) Safety checks shall be conducted at least once every 60 minutes and more frequently if necessary.
- (b) Safety checks shall be conducted on an irregular schedule (staggered) so that inmates cannot predict when the checks will occur.
- (c) Safety checks shall be done by personal observation of the correctional deputy and shall be sufficient to determine whether the inmate is experiencing any stress or trauma.
- (d) Cameras and monitors may supplement the required visual observation safety checks, but they shall not replace the need for direct visual observation.
- (e) Safety checks will be clearly documented on permanent logs in accordance with the office Daily Activity Logs and Shift Reports Policy.
- (f) Actual times of the checks and notations should be recorded on the Routine Jail Check logs.
- (g) Log entries shall never be made in advance of the actual check. Log entries made in this manner do not represent factual information and are prohibited.
- (h) Special management inmates shall be checked more frequently as detailed in the Special Management Inmates Policy.

Special Management Inmates

505.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Inmates who pose a heightened risk to themselves or others require special management, including frequent interaction and increased supervision by staff. Interaction with special management inmates is essential to maintaining a safe, secure, and humane environment. This policy establishes guidelines and procedures for interacting with special management inmates in the custody of the Butte County Sheriff's Office.

505.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Administrative Separation - The physical separation of an inmate who is prone to (15 CCR 1053):

- (a) Promote activity or behavior that is criminal in nature or disruptive to facility operations.
- (b) Demonstrate influence over other inmates, including influence to promote or direct action or behavior that is criminal in nature or disruptive to the safety and security of other inmates or facility staff, as well as to the safe operation of the facility.
- (c) Escape.
- (d) Assault staff or other inmates or participate in a conspiracy to assault or harm them.
- (e) Need protection from other inmates.

This is a non-punitive classification process.

Protective custody separation - A level of custody either requested or required for an inmate's protection from others.

Special management inmate - An inmate who is either classified as administrative separation or protective custody separation. Classification as a special management inmate is a non-punitive classification.

505.2 POLICY

This office shall provide for the secure and separate housing of any special management inmate but shall not impose more deprivation of privileges than is necessary to obtain the objective of protecting the inmate, staff, or the public (15 CCR 1053).

505.3 SPECIAL MANAGEMENT INMATES HOUSING CRITERIA

The safety and security of this facility is dependent on a classification system that identifies inmates who pose a risk to themselves or to others. Inmates who pose such a risk must be promptly and appropriately separated from the general inmate population until such time that they no longer pose a risk. Staff must have the ability to promptly separate these inmates pending further review.

Individuals who may be classified as special management inmates include but are not limited to inmates who are:

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- In protective custody or court-imposed separation.
- Exhibiting mental health concerns.
- An escape threat.
- A serious violence threat.
- Known to have gang affiliation.
- A known management problem.
- A suicide risk.
- Exhibiting medical issues.
- Physically impaired.

505.4 CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRING IMMEDIATE SEPARATION

Inmates will generally be assigned to administrative separation through the classification process. The Jail Commander or the Watch Commander has the authority to immediately place any inmate into administrative separation when it reasonably appears necessary to protect the inmate or others (15 CCR 1081(d)).

Reasons that an inmate may be placed into administrative separation include the following:

- (a) The inmate requests protection or is under court-ordered protection, or the staff has determined that the inmate requires protection.
- (b) There is reason to believe the inmate poses a danger to him/herself or others.
- (c) The inmate poses an escape risk.
- (d) The inmate requires immediate mental health evaluation and medical housing is not reasonably available.
- (e) The inmate is charged with a disciplinary infraction and is awaiting a disciplinary hearing and in the judgment of the staff, the inmate may become disruptive or dangerous if left in general population.
- (f) The inmate is in the process of being transferred to a higher security classification.
- (g) Other circumstances where, in the judgment of the staff, the inmate may pose a threat to him/herself, others, or the security of the facility.

505.4.1 REVIEW PROCESS

The Jail Commander shall be notified when any inmate is placed into immediate administrative separation and shall be informed of the circumstances leading to the order to separation. Within 72 hours of the inmate being placed into administrative separation, the Jail Commander or the authorized designee must review the circumstances surrounding the separation to determine which of the following actions shall be taken:

- (a) The inmate is designated for administrative separation.
- (b) The inmate is designated for protective custody.

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- (c) The inmate remains separated pending a disciplinary hearing.
- (d) The inmate is returned to general inmate population.

505.5 PROTECTIVE CUSTODY

The correctional deputy responsible for assigning classifications to incoming inmates shall clearly document the reason an inmate should be placed into sensitive needs / protective custody. Inmates in need of protective custody may be placed in an administrative separation unit when there is documentation that the protective custody is warranted, and separation is the least restrictive alternative reasonably available.

Inmates who are in protective custody shall receive all services and programs that are available to inmates in general population and that are deemed a privilege. Any deviation from allowing usually authorized items or activities shall be documented on the inmate's file.

505.6 MAINTENANCE OF PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Administrative separation and protective custody shall consist of separate and secure housing but shall not involve any deprivation of privileges other than what is necessary to protect the inmates or staff (15 CCR 1053).

Inmates who are classified for housing in administrative separation or protective custody shall, at a minimum, be allowed access to programs and services including but not limited to:

- Inmate telephones.
- Visitation.
- Educational programming appropriate to the inmate classification.
- Commissary services.
- Library and law library services.
- Social services.
- Faith-based guidance, counseling, and religious services.
- Recreation activities and exercise.
- Social and professional visits.

Nothing in this policy prohibits changing the delivery of programs or services to administratively separated inmates in order to provide for the safety and security of other inmates and staff.

505.7 REVIEW OF STATUS

The classification officer shall review the status of all inmates who are housed in administrative separation units every seven days. The review should include information about these inmates to determine whether their status in administrative separation is still warranted.

If other reasonable housing options exist that will provide for the safety of the inmate and the facility, the inmate should be moved out of separation housing. In reviewing an alternative housing

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decision for an inmate in protective custody, the safety of the inmate should receive the utmost consideration.

505.8 HEALTH EVALUATION REQUIREMENTS

After notification from staff that an inmate is being placed in administrative separation, the Watch Commander shall ensure that the following occurs:

- (a) A qualified health care professional shall assess the inmate's health needs and coordinate the appropriate housing assignment.
- (b) If contraindications or special accommodations are noted, the qualified health care professional shall inform the Watch Commander and coordinate the appropriate plan for the inmate based on the safety needs of the facility and the medical needs of the inmate.

505.8.1 HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS

Due to the possibility of self-inflicted injury and depression during periods of separation, health evaluations should include notations of any bruises and other trauma markings and the qualified health care professional's comments regarding the inmate's attitude and outlook.

- (a) Unless medical attention is needed more frequently, each inmate in administrative separation should receive two (2) visits per week by medical staff. A medical assessment should be documented in the inmate's medical file.
- (b) A qualified health care professional shall also conduct weekly mental health evaluations.

When an inmate is classified as a special management inmate due to the presence of a serious mental illness and is placed in administrative separation setting, the staff shall document this in the inmate's file and notify the qualified health care professional. When an inmate is expected to remain in separation housing for more than 30 days, the qualified health care professional shall be notified.

Where reasonably practicable, a qualified health care professional should provide screening for suicide risk during the three days following admission to the administrative separation unit.

505.9 SAFETY CHECKS

A staff member shall conduct a face-to-face safety check of all special management inmates, including those housed in administrative separation or protective custody, at least every 60 minutes on an irregular schedule.

Special management inmates shall receive increased monitoring to include, at a minimum:

- (a) A daily visit by the Watch Commander or acting Officer-in-Charge.

All management, program staff, and qualified health care professional visits shall be documented in the appropriate records and logs and retained in accordance with established records retention schedules.

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505.10 LOG PROCEDURES

Handwritten logs should be completed in ink. Once an entry is made it should not be modified. If corrections or changes are needed, they should be done by way of a supplemental entry. Electronically captured logs will be maintained in a way that prevents entries from being deleted or modified once they are entered. Corrections or changes must be done by way of supplemental entries.

Log entries should be legible, entered promptly, and provide sufficient detail to adequately reflect the events of the day for future reference.

The date and time of the observation or incident and the name and identification number of the staff member making the log entry shall be included on each entry.

Supervisors should review the logs frequently during the shift and enter comments as appropriate. At a minimum, supervisors should enter the date and time of each review.

All safety checks will be documented in detail and should include the exact time of the safety check and the identification information of the employee conducting the check. All documentation will be gathered and provided to the Watch Commander or Officer-in-Charge at the end of each shift.

505.10.1 LOG INSPECTION AND ARCHIVAL OF LOGS

The Watch Commander shall review and evaluate the logs and pass any significant incidents via the chain of command to the facility Operations Lieutenant for review.

The logs will be retained by the Office in accordance with established records retention schedules, but in no case for less than five (5) years.

505.11 STAFF SELECTION CRITERIA

To qualify for an assignment solely responsible for the supervision of special management inmates (i.e., Jail Based Competency Treatment program (JBCT)), the employee must demonstrate that he/she has:

- (a) Successfully completed his/her probationary period.
- (b) A history of maturity and tolerance.
- (c) Expressed an interest in working with special management inmates.
- (d) The ability to manage difficult inmates through conflict management skills.
- (e) Received satisfactory ratings in the three most recent performance evaluations.

505.11.1 STAFF ASSIGNMENT TO SPECIAL MANAGEMENT / JAIL BASED COMPETENCY (JBCT) PROGRAM

Staff assignments to a special management /Jail Based Competency (JBCT) program will be made by the Jail Commander or the authorized designee and are subject to continuous review. The special management program supervisor may rotate staff whenever he/she determines that it is in the best interest of the employee or the facility.

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Civil Detainees

506.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides safeguards to ensure that persons held under a civil detainee are afforded appropriate standards of custody.

Nothing in this policy prevents application of discipline under the Inmate Discipline Policy.

506.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Civil detainee - Any person in custody held for a reason other than for criminal matters.

Enhanced security concern - A status applicable to a civil detainee that indicates the person poses an enhanced threat to staff or others due to the person's past criminal behavior, criminal sophistication or other actions.

506.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Butte County Sheriff's Office that any restrictions placed on civil detainees must be for legitimate, non-punitive purposes that cannot be reasonably accomplished through less restrictive means.

506.3 LESS RESTRICTIVE CONDITIONS

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee is responsible for monitoring the accommodations of civil detainees and taking steps to keep those accommodations above the level of non-sentenced, general population inmates. The Jail Commander or the authorized designee should institute alternative and less harsh confinement methods for civil detainees, while still maintaining security and effective management of the facility.

506.4 SCREENING

Civil detainees should undergo the same screening process as inmates, including attention to whether the person poses an enhanced security concern. Any reason for departure from the standard treatment of civil detainees as defined in this policy or in related procedures should be documented with specific recommendations included addressing the risks.

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee should review the screening documents to ensure any enhanced safety concerns are appropriately addressed and part of the detainee's record.

506.5 ORIENTATION

Civil detainees should receive orientation materials that explain the benefits and rules that are applicable to civil detainees. Classification staff should meet one-on-one with the civil detainee during booking and orientation to review the orientation material and conditions of custody with the detainee. Classification staff should specifically review the grievance process with the civil detainee and encourage the detainee to use the grievance process when appropriate.

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506.6 CONDITIONS OF CONFINEMENT IN HOUSING

All civil detainees should be housed separately from non-civil inmates. Civil detainees will be issued a jail identification wristband unique to their classification.

506.6.1 CLOTHING

Civil detainees should be provided a minimum of 50 percent additional clothing exchanges than non-sentenced inmates receive and be provided an extra set of undergarments and socks that they may retain in their housing area.

Civil detainees should be provided an additional storage container for their personal belongings and extra-issued clothing.

506.6.2 USE OF RESTRAINTS AND TRANSPORTATION

Civil detainees should not be placed in leg or waist restraints absent an enhanced security concern.

Civil detainees may be handcuffed in the event there is a need to control the detainee based on enhanced security concerns.

Civil detainees should be transported separately from inmates.

506.6.3 RECREATION

Civil detainees should receive a minimum of 50 percent additional recreation time (indoor and outdoor) than non-sentenced inmates in the general population receive. The recreation may be increased by the Jail Commander as resources allow.

506.6.4 ACCESS TO MAIL AND TELEPHONE

Civil detainees shall have the same access to books, periodicals and magazines as any other general population inmate, except incoming books and magazines must only be censored with a substantial government interest, and only when it is necessary or essential to address the particular government interest. Government interests that would justify confiscation of incoming books, periodicals or magazines from a civil detainee may include:

- (a) Maintaining facility security and safety, such as a book covering improvised weapons or promoting aggression.
- (b) Preventing dangerous conduct.
- (c) Complying with a court order or court ordered treatment plan.

Outgoing and incoming mail may be inspected but not read, unless there is specific and articulable information to believe a particular security or safety issue is at hand.

506.6.5 ACCESS TO INTERNET

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506.6.6 VISITING

Civil detainees should be allowed to receive a minimum of 50 percent additional visitation than non-sentenced inmates in the general population receive.

506.6.7 MENTAL HEALTH CARE

Civil detainees who are detained due to issues related to their mental health should be provided with:

- (a) An interview with the civil detainee's established mental health care provider and/or a review of the civil detainee's records by the assigned office mental health professional.
- (b) A review of the reasonable options available to address the civil detainee's continued mental health care. The office's mental health professional and the Jail Commander or the authorized designee should identify benefits or restrictions that may advance the purpose of the civil detainee's confinement. Examples include:
 - 1. Restricting or providing special access to books, periodicals or Internet sites as part of the civil detainee's treatment.
 - 2. Providing special access to mental health care professionals or other visitors.
- (c) A conference with the civil detainee's mental health care provider prior to the decision to discipline the civil detainee.

506.7 SEARCHES

Strip searches of civil detainees must be justified by probable cause, unless the Jail Commander specifies otherwise based upon an enhanced security concern. The specified concern shall be documented in the civil detainee's record. Modified strip searches may be conducted when a civil detainee has entered an environment where contraband or weapons may be accessed (see the Searches Policy).

Absent an enhanced security concern or reasonable suspicion where contraband may be found, there should be no unscheduled cell searches of a civil detainee's personal effects or a cell search when the civil detainee is not present. Non-invasive cell inspections for security purposes may still be conducted.

Inmate Classification

508.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy describes the Butte County Sheriff's Office's classification process, which is designed to identify security and health issues so that inmates may be held in such a way as to foster a safe and secure facility (15 CCR 1050).

508.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Civil detainee - Any person held in custody for a reason other than for criminal matters.

508.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office to process all arrestees and detainees entering this facility to determine whether they will be housed in the facility, cited and released, released on their own recognizance (O.R.) or bail, or released back to the community through an appropriate release mechanism, including alternatives to incarceration programs, such as electronic supervision.

Anyone housed in the facility shall be properly classified according to security and health risks so that appropriate supervision, temporary holding, and housing assignments may be made.

508.3 RELEASE PRIOR TO CLASSIFICATION

An individual arrested for intoxication only, with no further proceedings anticipated, should be released as soon as custodial staff reasonably determine the person is no longer impaired to the extent that the person cannot care for his/her own safety.

Misdemeanor inmates who meet criterion established by local courts may be cited and released on O.R. by the Sheriff or the authorized designee. Inmates who meet the established criteria will be interviewed by a Correctional Technician or O.R. Specialist and a determination will be made whether there is good cause to release the inmate on his/her O.R. (15 CCR 1029(a)(5)).

508.4 CLASSIFICATION PLAN

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee should create and maintain a classification plan to guide staff in the processing of individuals brought into the facility.

The plan should include an initial screening process, as well as a process for determining appropriate housing assignments (28 CFR 115.42). The plan should include use of an objective screening instrument, procedures for making decisions about classification and housing assignments, as well as intake and housing forms and a process to ensure that all classification and housing records are maintained in each inmate's permanent file. The plan should include an evaluation of the following criteria (15 CCR 1050):

- Age
- Sex

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- Current charges
- Behavior during arrest and intake process
- Criminal and incarceration history
- Emotional and mental condition
- Potential risk of safety to others or self
- Special management inmate status
- Special needs assessment for vulnerable inmates
- Behavioral or physical limitations or disabilities and physical/mental health needs
- Medical condition
- Level of sobriety at booking
- Suicidal ideation
- Escape history and degree of escape risk
- Prior assaultive or violent behavior
- The need to be separated from other classifications of inmates (e.g., juvenile offenders, gang affiliation, confidential informant, former law enforcement, sexual orientation)
- Prior convictions for sex offenses against an adult or child
- Whether the inmate is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender non-conforming (see the Prison Rape Elimination Act Policy for transgender and intersex definitions)
- Previous sexual victimization
- The inmate's own perceptions of his/her vulnerability
- Whether the inmate is detained solely for civil immigration purposes
- Whether the inmate is a foreign national and, if so, from what country (see the Foreign Nationals and Diplomats Policy)
- Prior acts of sexual abuse, prior convictions for violent offenses, and history of prior institutional violence or sexual abuse, as known to the Office (28 CFR 115.41)
- Any other criteria as deemed appropriate by the Sheriff or the authorized designee
- Any other requirements for a classification plan under 15 CCR 1050

The plan should include a methodology for evaluating the classification process and a periodic review for the purpose of continuous quality improvement.

Information obtained in response to screening questions shall be considered confidential and shall only be made available to those who have a legitimate need to know (28 CFR 115.41).

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508.4.1 INMATE RESPONSE TO SCREENING

Inmates may not be compelled by threat of discipline to provide information or answers regarding (28 CFR 115.41):

- (a) Whether the inmate has a mental, physical, or developmental disability.
- (b) Whether the inmate is or is perceived to be gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming.
- (c) Whether the inmate has previously experienced sexual victimization.
- (d) The inmate's own perception of vulnerability.

508.5 INITIAL CLASSIFICATION

The initial classification process is intended to identify predatory, violent and at-risk inmates. It should occur early in the intake process to allow for appropriate supervision while an inmate is being temporarily held in this facility and until a decision is made to place the individual into a more permanent housing assignment.

Inmates should be interviewed by a Classification correctional deputy as soon as possible in the booking process. The Classification correctional deputy shall complete the initial classification form. The initial classification form should include a place for the Classification correctional deputy to make a housing recommendation. This recommendation should be based on the initial classification form, an assessment of the inmate's condition and the inmate's interview.

The initial classification form shall be placed in the inmate's file and provided to the Classification correctional deputy, who will, within the limits of available resources, determine the appropriate temporary housing location.

508.6 CLASSIFICATION UPON HOUSING

Once it has been determined that the person arrested will not be released from custody on bail or O.R., a more in-depth classification of the inmate will be conducted as soon as possible but no later than 24 hours after the inmate's arrival at the facility, after which the inmate will be moved to more permanent housing.

508.6.1 INTERVIEW

The comprehensive classification process begins with a review of any initial classification information obtained during the reception and booking process, as well as an interview by the classification correctional deputy. The review of initial classification documents and the questions, answers and observations from the inmate's interview will be documented and numerically scored, representing the security level and housing assignment appropriate for each inmate.

Individualized determinations shall be made about how to ensure the safety of each inmate (28 CFR 115.42; 15 CCR 1050).

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508.6.2 OVERRIDE

The classification correctional deputy has the authority to override the scores when it appears necessary to more appropriately assign housing. The override capability exists to use the classification correctional deputy's training and expertise in those instances when the numerical scores are not reflective of the inmate's potential security or health risk. All overrides will be reviewed by a second Classification deputy and are intended to be an exception, rather than the rule.

508.7 REVIEWS AND APPEALS

Once an inmate is classified and housed, he/she may appeal the decision of the classification correctional deputy. The appeal process shall begin at the first-line supervisor level. The decision by the supervisor may be appealed to the Jail Commander or the authorized designee. The decision by the Jail Commander or the authorized designee is final.

508.7.1 PERIODIC CLASSIFICATION REVIEWS

The classification correctional deputy shall review the status of all inmates who have been incarcerated in the facility for more than 30 days. Additional reviews should occur each 30 days thereafter. The review should examine changes in the inmate's behavior or circumstances and should either raise, lower, or maintain the classification status (28 CFR 115.41).

Housing and program assignments for each transgender or intersex inmate shall be reassessed at least twice each year to review any threats experienced by the inmate (28 CFR 115.42).

Inmate risk levels shall be reassessed when required due to a referral, request, incident of sexual abuse, or receipt of additional information that increases the inmate's risk of sexual victimization or abusiveness (28 CFR 115.41).

508.7.2 STAFF REQUESTED REVIEW

At any point during an inmate's incarceration, a staff member may request a review of the inmate's classification. The reason for the review, the review itself, and the outcome of the review shall be documented in the inmate's permanent file. Nothing in this section shall prohibit staff from immediately moving an inmate to another location in the facility based on exigent circumstances. Under such circumstances, the staff member moving the inmate must immediately document the action and notify the classification correctional deputy.

508.8 HOUSING ASSIGNMENTS

Inmates should be housed based upon the following criteria:

- Classification level
- Age
- Sex (males and females will be housed in separate units)
- Legal status (e.g., pretrial, sentenced)
- Special problems or needs

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- Behavior
- Any other criteria identified by the Jail Commander

508.8.1 SEPARATION

Male and female inmates shall be housed to ensure visual and physical separation.

Civil detainees shall be housed separately from pretrial and sentenced inmates.

508.9 CLASSIFICATION SPACE ALLOCATION

The classification plan depends on the ability of the facility to physically separate different classes of inmates. To ensure that allocated space meets the current population needs, the Jail Commander or the authorized designee should periodically meet with representatives of the classification correctional deputies to discuss the fixed resources (e.g., cells, dorms, dayrooms).

508.10 SINGLE-OCCUPANCY CELLS

Single-occupancy cells may be used to house the following categories of inmates:

- Maximum security
- Administrative separation
- Medical condition or disabilities (upon consultation with medical staff and the availability of medical beds)
- Mental condition (upon consultation with mental health staff and the availability of mental health beds)
- Sexual predators
- Any inmate with an elevated risk of being taken advantage of, being mistreated, or becoming a victim of sexual abuse or harassment
- Any other condition or status for single-occupancy housing

The classification supervisor shall notify the Jail Commander or the authorized designee when single-occupancy cells are not available for housing the above described inmates. In such cases, a risk assessment shall be used to identify inmates in the above categories who may be safely housed together.

508.11 PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA) CONSIDERATIONS

Housing, bed, work, and program assignments should be made to separate inmates at high risk of being sexually victimized from those at high risk of being sexually abusive (28 CFR 115.42). Inmates identified as being at high risk for sexually aggressive behavior will be monitored and housed in an area that will minimize the risk to other inmates and staff. All inmates identified as being at risk of victimization shall be monitored and housed in an area to minimize the risk to their safety. However, inmates at high risk for sexual victimization shall not be placed in involuntary protective custody unless an assessment of all available alternatives has been made and it has

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been determined that there is no available alternative means of separation from likely abusers (28 CFR 115.43; 28 CFR 115.68).

Housing and program assignments of a transgender or an intersex inmate shall include individualized consideration for the inmate's health and safety and any related supervisory, management, or facility security concerns (15 CCR 1050). A transgender or an intersex inmate's views with respect to his/her own safety shall be given serious consideration.

Lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, or intersex inmates shall not be placed in dedicated facilities, units, or wings solely on the basis of such identification or status, unless such placement is pursuant to a consent decree, legal settlement, or legal judgment (28 CFR 115.42).

508.12 EDUCATION, WORK, AND OTHER RELEASE

Unless an inmate is incarcerated for an offense for which release is prohibited by law or otherwise prohibited by court order, an inmate incarcerated in the correctional facility may be released for a period reasonable and necessary for the following reasons:

- To seek or maintain employment
- To obtain medical treatment
- Any other reasonable purpose as determined by the Jail Commander or the authorized designee

Work-release inmates who leave the secure perimeter of the correctional facility to complete programs should be housed separately from inmates in general population.

There should be no contact between the inmates in general population and those authorized for education, work, or other release. This is to minimize the risk of introducing contraband into the correctional facility and to maintain facility security.

508.13 STAFF TRAINING IN CLASSIFICATION

Classification correctional deputies should receive training specific to inmate classification before being assigned primary classification duties. Individuals not specifically trained in inmate classification may work in classification provided that they are under the immediate supervision of a trained and qualified staff member.

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509.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines for the issuance and use of the TASER® device.

509.2 POLICY

The TASER device is intended to control violent or potentially violent inmates, while minimizing the risk of serious injury. The appropriate use of such a device should result in fewer serious injuries to staff and inmates.

509.3 ISSUANCE AND CARRYING TASER DEVICES

The TASER device may only be issued to authorized members who have completed office-approved training for use during their current assignment. Those leaving a particular assignment may be required to return the device to the Office inventory.

Staff shall only use the TASER device and cartridges that have been issued by the Office. The device may be carried as part of a uniformed member's equipment.

- (a) The TASER device shall be maintained in a secure storage location (see the Management of Weapons and Control Devices Policy).
- (b) Each TASER device shall be clearly and uniquely numbered.
- (c) Upon arriving for work members shall sign out their devices, unless the Taser is specifically assigned to an individual deputy
- (d) Upon finishing the shift, each member shall turn in the device to the approved secure storage area.
- (e) Members shall not pass on the devices to oncoming shift members without signing in and signing out the devices on the TASER device inventory log.
- (f) At the beginning of each shift, the oncoming Watch Commander shall inventory all TASER devices.
- (g) Whenever practicable, members should carry two or more TASER device cartridges on their persons at all times when carrying the TASER device.
- (h) Members shall be responsible for ensuring that their issued TASER device is properly maintained and in good working order at all times. Members carrying the TASER device should perform a spark test on the unit prior to every shift.
- (i) Correctional deputies should not hold both a firearm and the TASER device at the same time.
- (j) The TASER device should be clearly and distinctively marked to differentiate it from the duty weapon and other devices.

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509.4 VERBAL AND VISUAL WARNINGS

A verbal warning of the intended use of the TASER device should precede its application, unless it would otherwise endanger the safety of staff or when it is not practicable due to the circumstances.

The purpose of the warning is to:

- (a) Provide the inmate with a reasonable opportunity to voluntarily comply.
- (b) Provide other staff and inmates with a warning that the TASER device may be deployed.

If, after a verbal warning, an inmate is unwilling to voluntarily comply with a member's lawful orders and it appears both reasonable and feasible under the circumstances, the member may, but is not required to, display the electrical arc (provided that a cartridge has not been loaded into the device) or the laser in a further attempt to gain compliance prior to the application of the TASER device. The aiming laser should never be intentionally directed into the eyes of another as it may permanently impair his/her vision.

The fact that a verbal and/or other warning was given or the reasons it was not given shall be documented by the member deploying the device in the related report.

509.5 USE OF THE TASER DEVICE

As with any correctional equipment, the TASER device has limitations and restrictions requiring consideration before its use. The TASER device should only be used when its operator can safely approach the subject within the operational range of the device.

Although the TASER device is generally effective in controlling most individuals, members should be aware that the device may not achieve the intended results and be prepared with other options.

509.5.1 APPLICATION OF THE TASER DEVICE

Authorized personnel may use the TASER device when circumstances perceived by the member at the time indicate that such application is reasonably necessary to control an inmate in any of the following circumstances:

- (a) The inmate is violent or is physically resisting.
- (b) The inmate has demonstrated an intention to be violent or to physically resist and reasonably appears to have the potential to harm staff, him/herself or others.

509.5.2 SPECIAL DEPLOYMENT CONSIDERATIONS

The use of the TASER device should generally be avoided on certain individuals unless the totality of the circumstances indicates that other available options reasonably appear ineffective or would present a greater danger to the member, the subject or others, and the member reasonably believes that the need to control the individual outweighs the risk of using the device. Such individuals include:

- (a) Inmates who are known to be pregnant.
- (b) Elderly inmates.

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- (c) Inmates with obviously low body mass.
- (d) Inmates who are handcuffed or otherwise restrained.
- (e) Inmates who have been recently sprayed with a flammable chemical agent or who are otherwise in proximity to any combustible vapor or flammable material, including alcohol-based oleoresin capsicum (OC) spray.
- (f) Inmates whose position or activity may result in collateral injury (e.g., falls from height).

Because the application of the TASER device in the drive-stun mode (i.e., direct contact without probes) relies primarily on pain compliance, the use of the drive-stun mode generally should be limited to supplementing the probe-mode to complete the circuit, or as a distraction technique to gain separation between staff and the subject, thereby giving staff time and distance to consider force options or actions.

The TASER device shall not be used to torture, psychologically torment, elicit statements from or punish any inmate.

509.5.3 TARGETING CONSIDERATIONS

Reasonable efforts should be made to target lower center mass and avoid intentionally targeting the head, neck, chest and groin. If the dynamics of a situation or officer safety do not permit the member to limit the application of the TASER device probes to a precise target area, members should monitor the condition of the inmate if one or more probes strikes the head, neck, chest or groin until the inmate is evaluated by qualified medical personnel.

509.5.4 MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS OF THE TASER DEVICE

Members should apply the TASER device for only one standard cycle and then evaluate the situation before applying any subsequent cycles. Multiple applications of the TASER device against a single individual are generally not recommended and should be avoided unless the member reasonably believes that the need to control the individual outweighs the potentially increased risk posed by multiple applications.

If the first application of the TASER device appears to be ineffective in gaining control of an inmate and if circumstances allow, the member should consider certain factors before additional applications of the device, including:

- (a) Whether the probes are making proper contact.
- (b) Whether the inmate has the ability and has been given a reasonable opportunity to comply.
- (c) Whether verbal commands, other options or tactics may be more effective.

Members should generally not intentionally apply more than one TASER device at a time against a single subject.

509.5.5 DOCUMENTATION

All TASER device discharges shall be documented in the related incident/crime report. Notification shall be made to a supervisor in compliance with the office Use of Force Policy. Unintentional

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discharges will also be documented. Any report documenting the discharge of the TASER device will include an explanation of the circumstances surrounding the discharge.

Following the discharge, the onboard TASER device memory will be downloaded through the data port by a supervisor or qualified designee and saved with the related incident report. Photographs of the probe and contact sites should be taken after the inmate has been seen by qualified medical personnel.

At a minimum the deputy should include the following in the incident/crime report:

- (a) Identification of all personnel firing TASER devices
- (b) Identification of all witnesses
- (c) Medical care provided to the inmate
- (d) Observations of the inmate's physical and physiological actions
- (e) Any known or suspected drug use, intoxication or other medical problems

509.6 MEDICAL TREATMENT

Absent extenuating circumstances, only appropriate medical personnel or properly trained employees should remove TASER device probes from an inmate's body. Used TASER device probes shall be considered a sharps biohazard, similar to a used hypodermic needle, and handled properly. Universal precautions should be taken accordingly.

All inmates who have been struck by TASER device probes or who have been subjected to the electric discharge of the device shall be medically assessed prior to continued processing or housing. Any inmate who falls under any of the following categories should, as soon as practicable, be examined by qualified medical personnel:

- (a) The person is suspected of being under the influence of controlled substances and/or alcohol.
- (b) The person may be pregnant.
- (c) The person reasonably appears to be in need of medical attention.
- (d) The TASER device probes are lodged in a sensitive area (e.g., groin, female breast, head, face and neck).
- (e) The person requests medical treatment.

Persons who exhibit extreme agitation, violent irrational behavior accompanied by profuse sweating, extraordinary strength beyond their physical characteristics and imperviousness to pain (sometimes called "excited delirium"), or who require a protracted physical encounter with multiple staff to be brought under control, may be at an increased risk of sudden death and should be examined by qualified medical personnel as soon as practicable. Any individual exhibiting signs of distress after such an encounter shall be medically cleared.

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Any inmate exhibiting signs of distress or who is exposed to multiple or prolonged applications (e.g., more than 15 seconds) shall be promptly examined by qualified medical personnel or medically evaluated.

If any individual refuses medical attention, such a refusal should be witnessed by another member and/or medical personnel and shall be fully documented in related reports.

If an audio recording is made of the contact or an interview with the individual, any refusal should be included, if possible.

509.7 TRAINING

Personnel who are authorized to carry the TASER device shall be permitted to do so only after successfully completing the initial office-approved training. TASER device office

Proficiency training for personnel who have been issued TASER devices should occur every two years. A reassessment of a correctional deputy's knowledge and/or practical skill may be required at any time if deemed appropriate by the.

Command staff and supervisors should receive TASER device training as appropriate for the assignments they hold.

Members who do not carry TASER devices should receive training that is sufficient to familiarize them with the device and with working with members who use the device.

The Training Coordinator is responsible for ensuring that all members who carry TASER devices have received initial and annual proficiency training. Periodic audits should be used for verification.

Application of TASER devices during training could result in injury to personnel and should not be mandatory for certification.

All training and proficiency for TASER devices will be documented in the member's training file.

The Training Coordinator should ensure that all training includes:

- (a) A review of this policy.
- (b) A review of the Use of Force Policy.
- (c) Target area considerations, including techniques or options to reduce the unintentional application of probes near the head, neck, chest and groin.
- (d) Handcuffing a subject during the application of the TASER device and transitioning to other force options.
- (e) Restraint techniques that do not impair respiration following the application of the TASER device.
- (f) De-escalation techniques.

509.7.1 TESTING

All training delivered to the staff should include testing to document that the employee understands the subject matter presented.

Control of Inmate Movement

510.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a process for the safe and secure movement of inmates between areas within the facility and transportation from the facility to court, medical appointments, or other jurisdictions.

510.2 POLICY

The staff should be vigilant in the control and movement of inmates between areas within the facility and when transporting inmates outside the secure confines of the facility (15 CCR 1029(a)(6)). Control may be by direct or indirect visual observation. All staff should consider all inmate movement as a high-risk activity. The staff should be aware of their surroundings at all times and take necessary steps to prevent the possession and exchange of contraband.

510.3 CONTROL OF MOVEMENT

Staff shall not allow inmates to leave their assigned housing area unless they have approved activities that may include but are not limited to the following:

- (a) Court
- (b) Transportation to another facility
- (c) Receiving a visit
- (d) Law enforcement interview or to participate in a lineup
- (e) Reporting to work
- (f) Receiving dental or medical care
- (g) Attending educational classes or religious services
- (h) Release
- (i) Facility emergency
- (j) Any other reason deemed appropriate by staff

510.4 MOVEMENT OF INMATES

Movement of one or more inmates in the facility should be done in an orderly manner with inmates walking in a single-file line. Staff members should have situational awareness during the movement of inmates and should consider the design of the facility, areas of poor visibility, and the presence of other inmates being moved. The staff should avoid areas where inmates may have access to contraband items.

510.5 MOVEMENT OF SPECIAL MANAGEMENT INMATES

Inmates should be restrained during movement based upon individual security classification, with higher risk inmates in handcuffs, waist chains, and leg irons. An exception to this procedure

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is when an inmate has a physical disability where restraint devices may cause serious injury. Pregnant inmates shall be moved in accordance with the Use of Restraints Policy.

It may also be necessary to increase the number of staff present to ensure the safe movement of high-security inmates.

The staff should be watchful in and around passageways and ensure that sallyport doors are secured to prevent escape.

Use of Restraints

511.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes guidelines for the application, supervisory oversight, and restrictions on the use of restraints on persons incarcerated in this facility.

This policy shall apply to the use of specific types of restraints, such as four/five-point restraints, restraint chairs, ambulatory restraints, and similar restraint systems, as well as all other restraints, including handcuffs, waist chains, and leg irons when such restraints are used to restrain any inmate for prolonged periods.

This policy does not apply to the use of electrical restraints.

511.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Clinical restraints - Restraints applied when an inmate's disruptive, assaultive and/or self-injurious behavior is related to a medical or mental illness. Clinical restraints can include leather, rubber or canvas hand and leg restraints with contact points on a specialized bed (four/five-point restraints) or a portable restraint chair.

Therapeutic seclusion - Segregated confinement of an agitated, vulnerable and/or severely anxious inmate with a serious mental illness as part of his/her treatment when clinically indicated for preventive therapeutic purposes.

511.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office that restraints shall be used only to prevent self-injury, injury to others or property damage. Restraints may also be applied according to inmate classification, such as maximum security, to control the behavior of a high-risk inmate while he/she is being moved outside the cell or housing unit.

Restraints shall never be used for retaliation or as punishment. Restraints shall not be utilized any longer than is reasonably necessary to control the inmate. Restraints are to be applied only when less restrictive methods of controlling the dangerous behavior of an inmate have failed or appear likely to fail (15 CCR 1029(a)(4); 15 CCR 1058). Each incident where restraints are used shall be documented by the handling staff member and a copy of the report should be placed in the appropriate inmate's classification file prior to the end of the staff member's shift.

This policy does not apply to the temporary use of restraints, such as handcuffing or the use of leg irons to control an inmate during movement and transportation inside or outside the facility.

511.3 USE OF RESTRAINTS - CONTROL

Supervisors shall proactively oversee the use of restraints on any inmate. Whenever feasible, the use of restraints, other than routine use during transfer, shall require the approval of the Watch

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Commander prior to application. In instances where prior approval is not feasible, the Watch Commander shall be apprised of the use of restraints as soon as practicable.

Restraint devices, such as restraint chairs, shall only be used on an inmate when it reasonably appears necessary to overcome resistance, prevent escape, or bring an incident under control, thereby preventing injury to the inmate or others, or eliminating the possibility of property damage. Restraints shall not be utilized any longer than is reasonably necessary to achieve the above goals.

Excluding short-term use to gain immediate control, placing an inmate in a restraint chair or other restraints for extended periods requires approval from the Jail Commander or the authorized designee prior to taking action. The medical staff shall be called to observe the application of the restraints, when feasible, prior to the application or as soon as practicable after the application, and to check the inmate for adequate circulation.

The use of restraints for purposes other than for the controlled movement or transportation of an inmate shall be documented on appropriate logs to include, at a minimum, the type of restraint used, when it was applied, a detailed description of why the restraint was needed, and when it was removed (15 CCR 1058).

The following provisions shall be followed when utilizing restraints to control an inmate (15 CCR 1058):

- (a) Restraints shall not be used as punishment, placed around a person's neck, or applied in a way that is likely to cause undue physical discomfort or restrict blood flow or breathing (e.g., hog-tying).
- (b) Restrained inmates shall not be placed face down or in a position that inhibits breathing.
- (c) Restraints shall not be used to secure a person to a fixed object except as a temporary emergency measure. A person who is being transported shall not be locked in any manner to any part of the transporting vehicle except for items installed for passenger safety, such as seat belts.
- (d) Inmates in restraints shall be housed either alone or in an area designated for restrained inmates.
- (e) Restraints shall be applied for no longer than is reasonably necessary to protect the inmate or others from harm.
- (f) Staff members shall conduct direct face-to-face observation at least twice every 30 minutes on an irregular schedule to check the inmate's physical well-being and behavior. Restraints shall be medically checked to verify correct application and to ensure they do not compromise circulation. All checks shall be documented, with the actual time recorded by the person doing the observation, along with a description of the inmate's behavior. Any actions taken should also be noted in the log.
- (g) The specific reasons for the continued need for restraints shall be reviewed, documented, and approved by the Watch Commander at least every hour.

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- (h) Within one hour of placement in restraints, a qualified health care professional shall document an opinion regarding the placement and retention of the restraints.
- (i) Upon placement or as soon as practicable, but in no case longer than four (4) hours of placement in restraints, the inmate shall be medically assessed to determine whether he/she has a serious medical condition that is being masked by the aggressive behavior. The medical assessment shall be a face-to-face evaluation by a qualified health care professional.
- (j) As soon as practicable, but within eight (8) hours of placement in restraints, the inmate must be evaluated by a mental health professional to assess whether the inmate needs immediate and/or long-term mental health treatment. If the Jail Commander, or the authorized designee, in consultation with responsible health care staff determines that an inmate cannot be safely removed from restraints after eight hours, the inmate shall be taken to a medical facility for further evaluation.

511.3.1 COURT APPROVAL

Prior judicial approval should be obtained for the use of restraints when the inmate is in court if the restraints will be visible to a jury.

511.4 USE OF RESTRAINTS - CLINICAL

Inmates may be considered for clinically ordered restraints or seclusion when exhibiting dangerous behavior that is believed to be a product of a medical or mental illness and that puts the inmate or others at risk of physical harm, or when medical care is urgently required and the inmate is not considered competent to give or withhold consent.

Clinical restraints and/or therapeutic seclusion shall only be used when an inmate's safety or the safety of others cannot be protected by less restrictive means, and only upon the direct order of a qualified health care professional and notification of the Jail Commander or the authorized designee prior to taking action. Restraints shall be used no longer than is reasonably necessary to provide for the legitimate safety concerns of the inmate, staff, or others.

The following provisions shall be used any time clinical restraints or therapeutic seclusion is authorized:

- (a) Excluding short-term use to gain immediate control of an inmate exhibiting dangerous or destructive behavior, an inmate may be placed in clinical restraints or therapeutic seclusion only on the orders of a qualified health care professional and only after making a determination that less restrictive interventions are ineffective to prevent the inmate from causing property damage or serious injury to him/herself or others.
- (b) Clinical restraints or therapeutic seclusion shall never be ordered or otherwise applied as a means of coercion, discipline, punishment, convenience, or retaliation.
- (c) The qualified health care professional's order may only be in effect for up to 12 hours for adult inmates.
- (d) Within one (1) hour of the application of restraints or therapeutic seclusion, a face-to-face observation of the inmate to evaluate the need for continued restraint or therapeutic seclusion shall be conducted by a qualified health care professional.

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- (e) If deemed clinically necessary, the qualified health care professional who gave the initial order for restraints or therapeutic seclusion may renew the original order for an additional four (4) hours for an adult.
- (f) Inmates placed in clinical restraints should be placed in designated cells within the medical unit. The restraints shall be applied in the least restrictive manner possible, based on the qualified health care professional's evaluation and order.
- (g) Inmates placed in restraints shall only be placed in a face-up position.
- (h) Following the first face-to-face observation, a qualified health care professional shall conduct face-to-face checks every 15 minutes on an irregular schedule to assess the inmate's condition and behavior. The restraints shall be checked for proper application and to ensure that circulation is not compromised. Checks shall be documented in the inmate's medical file.
- (i) Except in the event of a medical emergency for the inmate, only a qualified health care professional shall determine when an inmate shall be released from clinical restraints or therapeutic seclusion.

511.5 RANGE OF MOTION

Inmates placed in restraints for longer than two hours should receive a range-of-motion procedure that will allow for the movement of the extremities. Range-of-motion exercise will consist of alternate movement of the extremities (i.e., right arm and left leg) every two hours.

511.6 FOOD, HYDRATION, AND SANITATION

Inmates who are confined in restraints shall be given food and fluids. Provisions shall be made to accommodate any toileting needs at least once every two hours. Food shall be provided during normal meal periods. Hydration (water or juices) will be provided no less than once every two hours or when requested by the inmate.

Offering food and hydration to inmates will be documented to include the time, the name of the person offering the food or water/juices, and the inmate's response (receptive, rejected). Inmates shall be provided the opportunity to clean themselves or their clothing while they are in restraints.

511.7 AVAILABILITY OF CPR EQUIPMENT

CPR equipment, such as barrier masks, shall be provided by the facility.

511.8 RESTRAINED INMATE HOLDING

Restrained inmates should be protected from abuse by other inmates. Under no circumstances will restrained inmates be housed with inmates who are not in restraints. In most instances, restrained inmates are housed alone or in an area designated for restrained inmates (15 CCR 1058).

511.9 PREGNANT INMATES

Restraints will not be used on inmates who are known to be pregnant unless based on an individualized determination that restraints are reasonably necessary for the legitimate safety and

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security needs of the inmate, the staff, or the public. Should restraints be necessary, the restraints shall be the least restrictive available and the most reasonable under the circumstances.

Inmates who are known to be pregnant will not be handcuffed behind their backs or placed in waist restraints or leg irons.

Once pregnancy has been confirmed, a pregnant inmate should be advised of the policies and procedures regarding the restraint of pregnant inmates (Penal Code § 3407; 15 CCR 1058.5).

511.9.1 INMATES IN LABOR

No inmate who is in labor, delivery, or recovery from a birth shall be restrained by the use of leg restraints/irons, waist restraints/chains, or handcuffs behind the body (Penal Code § 3407; 15 CCR 1058.5).

No inmate who is in labor, delivering, or recovering from a birth shall be otherwise restrained except when all of the following exist (Penal Code § 3407; 15 CCR 1058.5):

- (a) There is a substantial flight risk or some other extraordinary medical or security circumstance that dictates restraints be used to ensure the safety and security of the inmate, the staff of this or the medical facility, other inmates, or the public.
- (b) A supervisor has made an individualized determination that such restraints are necessary to prevent escape or injury.
- (c) There is no objection from the treating medical care provider.
- (d) The restraints used are the least restrictive type and are used in the least restrictive manner.

Restraints shall be removed when medical staff responsible for the medical care of the pregnant inmate determines that the removal of restraints is medically necessary (Penal Code § 3407).

The supervisor should, within 10 days, make written findings specifically describing the type of restraints used, the justification, and the underlying extraordinary circumstances.

Searches

512.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide clear direction on maintaining the safety and security of the facility by conducting searches, in balance with protecting the rights afforded by the United States Constitution.

The introduction of contraband, intoxicants or weapons into the Butte County Sheriff's Office facility poses a serious risk to the safety and security of staff, inmates, volunteers, contractors and the public. Any item that is not available to all inmates may be used as currency by those who possess the item and will allow those in possession of the item to have control over other inmates. Any item that may be used to disengage a lock, other electronic security devices or the physical plant itself, seriously jeopardizes the safety and security of this facility. Carefully restricting the flow of contraband into the facility can only be achieved by thorough searches of inmates and their environment.

Nothing in this policy is intended to prohibit the otherwise lawful collection of trace evidence from an inmate/arrestee.

512.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Contraband - Anything unauthorized for inmates to possess or anything authorized to possess but in an unauthorized quantity.

Modified strip search - A search that requires a person to remove or rearrange some of his/her clothing that does not include a visual inspection of the breasts, buttocks or genitalia of the person but may include a thorough tactile search of an inmate's partially unclothed body. This also includes searching the inmate's clothing once it has been removed.

Pat-down search - The normal type of search used by correctional deputies within this facility to check an individual for weapons or contraband. It involves a thorough patting down of clothing to locate any weapons or dangerous items that could pose a danger to the correctional deputy, the inmate or other inmates.

Physical body cavity search - A search that includes a visual inspection and may include physical intrusion into a body cavity. Body cavity means the stomach or rectal cavity of a person, and the vagina of a female person.

Strip search - A search that requires a person to remove or rearrange some or all of his/her clothing to permit a visual inspection of the underclothing, breasts, buttocks, anus or outer genitalia of the person. This includes monitoring of a person showering or changing clothes where the person's underclothing, buttocks, genitalia or female breasts are visible to the monitoring employee.

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512.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office to ensure the safety of staff, inmates and visitors by conducting effective and appropriate searches of inmates and areas within the facility in accordance with applicable laws (15 CCR 1029(a)(6)).

Searches shall not be used for intimidation, harassment, punishment or retaliation.

512.3 PAT-DOWN SEARCHES

Pat-down searches will be performed on all inmates/arrestees upon entering the secure booking area of the facility. Additionally, pat-down searches should occur frequently within the facility. At a minimum, the staff shall conduct pat-down searches in circumstances that include:

- (a) When inmates leave their housing units to participate in activities elsewhere in the facility (e.g., exercise yard, medical, program, visiting) and when they return.
- (b) During physical plant searches of entire housing units.
- (c) When inmates come into contact with other inmates housed outside of their housing units, such as work details.
- (d) Any time the staff believes the inmates may have contraband on their persons.

Except in emergencies, male staff may not pat down female inmates and female staff may not pat down male inmates. Absent the availability of a same sex staff member, it is recommended that a witnessing staff member be present during any pat-down search of an individual of the opposite sex. All cross-gender pat-down searches shall be documented (28 CFR 115.15).

512.4 MODIFIED STRIP SEARCHES, STRIP SEARCHES AND PHYSICAL BODY CAVITY SEARCHES

Correctional deputies will generally consider the reason for the search, the scope, intrusion, manner and location of the search, and will utilize the least invasive search method to meet the need for the search.

512.4.1 STRIP SEARCHES PRIOR TO PLACEMENT IN A HOUSING UNIT

Strip searches prior to placement in a housing unit shall be conducted as follows:

- (a) No person held prior to placement in a housing unit shall be subjected to a modified strip search or strip search unless there is reasonable suspicion based upon specific and articulable facts to believe the person has a health condition requiring immediate medical attention or is concealing a weapon or contraband. Factors to be considered in determining reasonable suspicion include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. The detection of an object during a pat-down search that may be a weapon or contraband and cannot be safely retrieved without a modified strip search or strip search.
 - 2. Circumstances of a current arrest that specifically indicate the person may be concealing a weapon or contraband. A felony arrest charge or being under the

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influence of a controlled substance should not suffice as reasonable suspicion absent other facts.

3. Custody history (past possession of contraband while in custody, assaults on staff, escape attempts, etc.).
 4. The person's actions or demeanor.
 5. Criminal history (level of experience in a custody setting, etc.).
- (b) No modified strip search or strip search of an inmate shall be conducted prior to admittance to a housing unit without prior authorization from the Watch Commander.
- (c) The staff member conducting the modified strip search or strip search shall:
1. Document the name and sex of the person subjected to the strip search.
 2. Document the facts that led to the decision to perform a strip search of the inmate.
 3. Document the reasons less intrusive methods of searching were not used or were insufficient.
 4. Document the supervisor's approval.
 5. Document the time, date and location of the search.
 6. Document the names, sex and roles of any staff present.
 7. Itemize in writing all contraband and weapons discovered by the search.
 8. Process all contraband and weapons in accordance with the office's current evidence procedures.
 9. If appropriate, complete a crime report and/or disciplinary report.
 10. Ensure the documentation is placed in the inmate's file. A copy of the written authorization shall be retained and made available to the inmate or other authorized representative upon request.

512.4.2 STRIP SEARCHES UPON ENTRY INTO A HOUSING UNIT

Strip searches will be conducted on all inmates upon admission into a housing unit.

Arrestees who are eligible for release or who will be released when they are no longer intoxicated will not be placed into a housing unit or have unmonitored or unsupervised contact with previously housed inmates.

Arrestees who are arranging bail shall be permitted a reasonable period of time, not less than 12 hours, before being placed in a housing unit.

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512.4.3 MODIFIED STRIP SEARCHES AND STRIP SEARCHES OF INMATES IN A HOUSING UNIT

A strip search of an inmate in a housing unit should be conducted when the inmate has entered an environment where contraband or weapons may be accessed. This includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (a) Upon return from contact visits
- (b) Upon leaving the kitchen, shop, farm, etc.
- (c) Upon return to the housing unit from outside the confines of the facility (court, work-release, work detail, medical visits)

Inmates returning from court with release orders shall not be subject to strip searches or modified strip searches unless the reasonable suspicion exists based on specific and articulable facts that the person is concealing a weapon or contraband.

Staff members may conduct modified strip searches and strip searches of inmates outside the above listed circumstances only with supervisor approval. Staff members and supervisors must make a determination to conduct a strip search by balancing the scope of the particular search, intrusion, the manner in which it is conducted, the justification for initiating it and the place in which it is conducted. Less invasive searches should be used if they would meet the need for the search. For example, a pat-down or modified strip search may be sufficient as an initial effort to locate a larger item, such as a cell phone.

The staff member conducting a modified strip or strip search outside the above listed circumstances shall:

- Document in writing the facts that led to the decision to perform a strip search of the inmate.
- Document the reasons less intrusive methods of searching were not used or were insufficient.
- Document the supervisor's approval.
- Document the time, date and location of the search.
- Document the names of staff present, their sex and their roles.
- Itemize in writing all contraband and weapons discovered by the search.
- Process all contraband and weapons in accordance with the office's current evidence procedures.
- If appropriate, complete a crime report and/or disciplinary report.
- Ensure the completed documentation is placed in the inmate's file. A copy of the written authorization shall be retained and made available to the inmate or other authorized representative upon request.

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512.4.4 MODIFIED STRIP SEARCH AND STRIP SEARCH PROCEDURES

All modified strip searches and strip searches shall be conducted in a professional manner under sanitary conditions and in an area of privacy so that the search cannot be observed by persons not participating in the search.

Unless conducted by a qualified health care professional or in case of an emergency, a modified strip search or strip search shall be conducted by staff members of the same sex as the person being searched (Penal Code § 4030). Any cross-gender modified strip searches and cross-gender strip searches shall be documented (28 CFR 115.15).

Whenever possible, a second staff member of the same sex should be present during the search for security purposes and to witness the discovery of evidence.

The staff member conducting a strip search shall not touch the breasts, buttocks or genitalia of the person being searched. These areas may be touched through the clothing during a modified strip search.

- (a) The searching staff member will instruct the inmate to:
 - 1. Remove his/her clothing.
 - 2. Raise his/her arms above the head and turn 360 degrees.
 - 3. Bend forward and run his/her hands through his/her hair.
 - 4. Turn his/her head first to the left and then to the right so the searching correctional deputy can inspect the inmate's ear orifices.
 - 5. Open his/her mouth and run a finger over the upper and lower gum areas, then raise the tongue so the correctional deputy can inspect the interior of the inmate's mouth. Remove dentures if applicable.
 - 6. Turn around and raise one foot first, then the other so the correctional deputy can check the bottom of each foot.
 - 7. For a visual cavity search, turn around, bend forward and spread the buttocks if necessary, to view the anus.
- (b) At the completion of the search, the inmate should be instructed to dress in either his/her street clothes or correctional facility-supplied clothing, as appropriate.

512.4.5 PHYSICAL BODY CAVITY SEARCH

Physical body cavity searches shall be completed as follows:

- (a) No person shall be subjected to a physical body cavity search without the approval of the Jail Commander or the authorized designee and only with the issuance of a search warrant. A copy of any search warrant and the results of the physical body cavity search shall be included with the related reports and made available, upon request, to the inmate or authorized representative (except for those portions of the warrant ordered sealed by a court).

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- (b) Only a physician may conduct a physical body cavity search. Except in exigent circumstances, only a physician who is not responsible for providing ongoing care to the inmate may conduct the search (15 CCR 1206(o)).
- (c) Except for the physician conducting the search, persons present must be of the same sex as the person being searched. Only the necessary staff needed to maintain the safety and security of the medical personnel shall be present (Penal Code § 4030).
- (d) Privacy requirements, including restricted touching of body parts and sanitary condition requirements are the same as required for a strip search.
- (e) All such searches shall be documented including:
 - 1. The facts that led to the decision to perform a physical body cavity search of the inmate.
 - 2. The reasons less intrusive methods of searching were not used or were insufficient.
 - 3. The Jail Commander's approval.
 - 4. A copy of the search warrant.
 - 5. The time, date and location of the search.
 - 6. The medical personnel present.
 - 7. The names, sex and roles of any staff present.
 - 8. Any contraband or weapons discovered by the search.
- (f) Completed documentation should be placed in the inmate's file. A copy of the written authorization shall be retained and made available to the inmate or other authorized representative upon request.
- (g) All contraband and weapons should be processed in accordance with the office's current evidence procedures.
- (h) If appropriate, the staff member shall complete a crime report and/or disciplinary report.

512.5 TRANSGENDER SEARCHES

Staff shall not search or physically examine a transgender or intersex inmate for the sole purpose of determining genital status (see Prison Rape Elimination Act Policy for transgender and intersex definitions). If genital status is unknown, it may be determined during conversations with the inmate, by reviewing medical records or, if necessary, by obtaining that information as part of a broader medical examination conducted in private by a qualified health care professional (28 CFR 115.15).

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512.6 CONTRABAND SEARCHES

The staff shall always be alert to the possible presence of contraband and shall take immediate action to seize the contraband when practicable. There are several types of searches that contribute to contraband control and to maintaining a safe and secure environment.

512.7 HOUSING UNIT SEARCHES

Housing unit searches shall occur as directed by a supervisor. These searches should include all of the living spaces occupied by inmates. Housing unit searches should be scheduled in a manner that does not create a pattern where the inmates can predict such searches. During a housing unit search:

- (a) All inmates shall vacate their living areas and be searched by staff.
- (b) Inmates should be escorted to a separate holding area, such as the recreation yard.
- (c) Staff shall search the living areas of the inmates, including bedding, personal storage areas, bunks and other areas with inmate access.
- (d) Any weapons or contraband located shall be processed in accordance with the current evidence procedures.
- (e) The staff shall attempt to identify the inmate who possessed the contraband and file appropriate inmate discipline and/or crime reports.
- (f) Any alcoholic beverage possessed by inmates shall be seized and the appropriate inmate disciplined and/or criminal charges filed.
- (g) Any authorized item found in excess of the limited quantity (e.g., food items, newspapers) shall be seized and discarded.

At the conclusion of the housing unit search, staff will remove all confiscated trash, clothing and contraband items. All authorized inmate personal property shall be respected and living areas should be returned to an orderly condition.

512.8 PHYSICAL PLANT SEARCHES

The following areas of this facility shall be periodically searched for contraband:

- (a) Exercise yards shall be searched for contraband prior to and after each inmate group occupies the yard.
- (b) Holding cells shall be searched prior to and after each inmate occupies the cell.
- (c) Program areas, such as classrooms and multipurpose rooms shall be searched after each use by an inmate or inmate group.
- (d) Laundry areas shall be searched before and after each inmate group occupies the area.
- (e) Kitchen areas shall be frequently searched for contraband and to account for tools, knives and food items.
- (f) Inmate visiting and public areas shall be frequently inspected for contraband.

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- (g) The facility perimeter shall be searched at least once each shift for contraband.

512.8.1 CANINE-ASSISTED SEARCHES

It is the policy of this facility to use canines to assist the staff in searching for contraband. Such searches shall occur only with the approval of a supervisor. Only canines trained in the detection of contraband, such as drugs, alcohol and weapons, will be allowed within the secure perimeter of the facility. Canines trained solely in crowd control or to assist in physically subduing individuals will not be used in the facility.

Canines will generally be used to assist the staff in general physical plant or living area searches. Contact between inmates and canines should be avoided (see the Canines Policy).

512.9 CRIMINAL EVIDENCE SEARCHES

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall be notified, as soon as practicable, any time it is suspected that a crime has been committed in the facility or other area controlled by the facility staff, and there is a need to search for evidence related to the crime.

Any evidence collected in connection with an alleged crime shall be reported, documented and stored to protect it from contamination, loss or tampering, and to establish the appropriate chain of custody. A search for evidence may be conducted by staff whenever there is a need for such action.

512.10 TRAINING

The Facility Training Officers (FTO) shall provide training for staff in how to conduct pat-downs, modified strip searches and strip searches in a professional and respectful manner and in the least intrusive manner possible, consistent with facility security needs. This training shall include cross-gender pat downs and searches, as well as searches of transgender and intersex inmates (28 CFR 115.15).

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514.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Interaction with inmates allows for continual assessment of the safety and security of the facility and the health and welfare of the inmates. However, inappropriate interaction can undermine security and order in the facility and the integrity of the supervision process.

This policy provides guidelines for appropriate and professional interaction between members and inmates, and is intended to promote high ethical standards of honesty, integrity and impartiality as well as increase facility safety, discipline and morale.

Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action up to and including termination from employment and imprisonment for violations of criminal law. Members who seek information or clarification about the interpretation of this policy are encouraged to promptly contact their supervisor.

514.2 POLICY

The Jail Commander shall ensure that inmates have adequate ways to communicate with staff and that the staff communicates and interacts with inmates in a timely and professional manner.

514.3 GENERAL CONTACT GUIDELINES

Members are encouraged to interact with the inmates under their supervision and are expected to take prompt and appropriate action to address health and safety issues that are discovered or brought to their attention.

All members should present a professional and command presence in their contact with inmates. Members shall address inmates in a civil manner. The use of profanity or derogatory comments is strictly prohibited.

Written communication (e.g., request forms, inmate communication, grievances, rules infraction forms, disciplinary reports) shall be answered in a timely manner. Such communication shall be filed with the inmate's records.

Members shall not dispense legal advice or opinions, or recommend attorneys or other professional services to inmates.

Use of profanity by correctional deputies will be considered within the overall context of the incident, as well as accepted training and practices. It is understood that coarse language and occasional profanity is sometimes necessary to gain the attention of a non-compliant individual or express the urgency of a dangerous situation. However, staff members are reminded that it is the policy of the Sheriff's Office to treat people with dignity and respect and unnecessarily engaging in discourteous or disrespectful treatment of an inmate or member of the public may result in disciplinary action. Additionally, it is important to keep in mind the value of using tactics which de-escalate tense situations and the use of profanity can often be counterproductive.

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514.4 ANTI-FRATERNIZATION

Personal or other interaction not pursuant to official duties between facility staff with current inmates, inmates who have been discharged within the previous year, their family members or known associates have the potential to create conflicts of interest and security risks in the work environment.

Members shall not knowingly maintain a personal or unofficial business relationship with any persons described in this section unless written permission is received from the Jail Commander.

Prohibited interactions include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Communications of a sexual or romantic nature.
- (b) Salacious exchanges.
- (c) Sexual abuse, sexual assault, sexual contact or sexual harassment.
- (d) Exchanging letters, phone calls or other similar communications, such as texting.
- (e) Exchanging money or other items.
- (f) Extending privileges, giving or accepting gifts, gratuities or favors.
- (g) Bartering.
- (h) Any financial transactions.
- (i) Being present at the home of an inmate for reasons other than an official visit without reporting the visit.
- (j) Providing an inmate with the staff member's personal contact information, including social media accounts.

514.4.1 EXCEPTIONS

The Jail Commander may grant a written exception to an otherwise prohibited relationship on a case-by-case basis based upon the totality of the circumstance. In determining whether to grant an exception, the Jail Commander should give consideration to factors including, but not limited to:

- Whether a relationship existed prior to the incarceration of the inmate.
- Whether the relationship would undermine security and order in the facility and the integrity of the supervision process.
- Whether the relationship would be detrimental to the image and efficient operation of the facility.
- Whether the relationship would interfere with the proper discharge of, or impair impartiality and independence of, judgment in the performance of duty.

514.5 REPORTING

Members shall promptly report all attempts by inmates to initiate sexual acts or any salacious conversations, and forward any correspondence from an inmate or former inmate to the Jail Commander or the authorized designee.

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Members shall report all attempts by inmates to intimidate or instill feelings of fear to their supervisor.

Members shall promptly notify their immediate supervisor in writing if:

- A family member or close associate has been incarcerated or committed to the custody of the facility.
- The member is involved in a personal or family relationship with a current inmate or with an inmate who has been discharged within the previous year.

Transportation of Inmates Outside the Secure Facility

515.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the transportation of inmates outside this facility and to ensure that the staff assigned to transportation duties is qualified and adequately trained.

515.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Butte County Sheriff's Office to provide safe, secure, and humane transportation for all inmates and other persons as required by law.

This office shall transfer all inmates from the correctional facility to the place of imprisonment pursuant to the sentence of the court as soon as practicable after the sentence, in accordance with all laws relating to the transfer of inmates and costs related to transfers to facilities and jurisdictions.

515.3 PROCEDURES

Only staff members who have completed office-approved training on inmate transportation should be assigned inmate transportation duty. All staff members who operate transportation vehicles shall hold a valid license for the type of vehicle being operated.

Any member who transports an inmate outside the secure confines of this facility is responsible for:

- (a) Obtaining all necessary paperwork for the inmate being transported (e.g., medical/dental records, commitment documents).
- (b) Communicating a transportation plan to the transportation supervisor. Items that should be addressed in the plan include:
 1. Type of restraints to be used on the inmates being transported.
 2. The routes, including alternate routes, to be taken during the transportation assignment. Routes should be selected with security for the community in mind.
 3. Emergency response procedures in the event of a collision, breakdown of a transportation vehicle, or other unforeseen event.
- (c) Ensuring that all inmates are thoroughly searched, and appropriate restraints are properly applied.
 1. Inmates who are known to be pregnant will not be handcuffed behind their backs or placed in leg restraints/irons or waist restraints/chains while being transported (see the Use of Restraints Policy).
- (d) Ensuring that all vehicle security devices (e.g., window bars, inside cages, door locks) are in good repair and are operational.
- (e) Thoroughly searching the transporting vehicle for contraband before any inmate is placed inside, and again after removing the inmate from the transporting vehicle.

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515.3.1 TRANSPORTATION LOGS

Inmate transportation logs shall be developed by the Jail Commander or the authorized designee and used to log all inmate transportation. The logs shall include:

- Date and start/stop time of the transport.
- Location where the inmate was transported.
- Name and identification number of the transporting correctional deputy.
- Beginning and ending odometer readings and mileage count.

The logs shall be retained by the facility in accordance with established records retention schedules.

515.4 TRAINING

The Transportation Sergeant shall ensure that all employees charged with inmate transportation duties receive training appropriate for the assignment.

Sobering Cells

516.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes the requirement for placing inmates into and the continued placement of inmates in sobering cells.

516.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Sobering cell - A holding cell designed to minimize the risk of injury by falling or dangerous behavior. It is used as an initial sobering place for arrestees or inmates who are a threat to their own safety or the safety of others as a result of being intoxicated from any substance, and who require a protected environment to prevent injury or victimization by other inmates.

516.2 POLICY

This facility will employ the use of sobering cells to protect inmates from injury or to prevent the destruction of property by an inmate in accordance with applicable law.

A sobering shall not be used as punishment or as a substitute for treatment. The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall review this policy annually with the Responsible Physician.

516.3 SOBERING CELL PROCEDURES

The following guidelines apply when placing any inmate in a sobering cell:

- (a) A sobering cell log shall be initiated every time an inmate is placed into a sobering cell. The log shall be maintained for the entire time the inmate is housed in the cell. Cell logs will be retained in accordance with established office retention schedules.
- (b) A safety check consisting of direct visual observation that is sufficient to assess the inmate's well-being and behavior should occur at least once every 15 minutes, but shall not to exceed 30 minutes, on an irregular schedule. Each visual observation of the inmate by staff shall be documented. Supervisors shall check the logs for completeness every two hours and document this action on the sobering cell log.
- (c) Qualified health care professionals shall assess the medical condition of the inmate in the sobering cell at least every four (4) hours (15 CCR 1056). Only inmates who continue to need the protective housing of a sobering cell will continue to be detained in such housing.
- (d) Inmates will be removed from the sobering cell when they no longer pose a threat to their own safety and the safety of others and are able to continue the booking process.
- (e) Females and males will be detained in separate sobering cells.

Biological Samples

517.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines for the collection of biological samples from those inmates required to provide samples upon conviction and/or arrest for certain offenses. This policy does not apply to biological samples collected at a crime scene or taken from a person in conjunction with a criminal investigation. Nor does it apply to biological samples collected from those required to register, for example, as sex offenders.

517.2 POLICY

The Butte County Sheriff's Office will assist in the expeditious collection of required biological samples from arrestees and offenders in accordance with the laws of this state and with as little reliance on force as practicable.

517.3 PERSONS SUBJECT TO BIOLOGICAL SAMPLE COLLECTION

The following inmates must submit a biological sample (Penal Code § 296):

- (a) A person, including a juvenile, upon conviction or other adjudication of any felony offense
- (b) A person, including a juvenile, upon conviction or other adjudication of any offense if the person has a prior felony on record
- (c) An adult arrested or charged with any felony

517.4 PROCEDURE

When an inmate is required to provide a biological sample, a trained employee shall attempt to obtain the sample in accordance with this policy.

517.4.1 COLLECTION

The following steps should be taken to collect a sample:

- (a) Verify that the inmate is required to provide a sample pursuant to Penal Code § 296 and Penal Code § 296.1.
- (b) Verify that a biological sample has not been previously collected from the offender by querying the individual's criminal history record for a DNA collection flag or, during regular business hours, calling the California Department of Justice (DOJ) designated DNA laboratory. There is no need to obtain a biological sample if one has been previously obtained.
- (c) Use the designated collection kit provided by the California DOJ to perform the collection and take steps to avoid cross contamination.

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517.5 CALCULATED USE OF FORCE TO OBTAIN SAMPLES

If an inmate refuses to cooperate with the sample collection process, correctional deputies should attempt to identify the reason for refusal and seek voluntary compliance without resorting to using force. Force will not be used in the collection of samples except as authorized by court order or approval of legal counsel and only with the approval of the Watch Commander. Methods to consider when seeking voluntary compliance include contacting:

- (a) The inmate's parole or probation officer when applicable.
- (b) The prosecuting attorney to seek additional charges against the inmate for failure to comply or to otherwise bring the refusal before a judge.
- (c) The judge at the inmate's next court appearance.
- (d) The inmate's attorney.
- (e) A chaplain.
- (f) A supervisor who may be able to authorize disciplinary actions to compel compliance, if any are available.

The Watch Commander shall review and approve any calculated use of force. The supervisor shall be present to supervise and document the calculated use of force.

517.5.1 VIDEO RECORDING

A video recording should be made any time force is used to obtain a biological sample. The recording should document all staff participating in the process, in addition to the methods and all force used during the collection. The recording should be part of the investigation file, if any, or otherwise retained in accordance with the office's established records retention schedule (15 CCR 1059).

If the use of force includes a cell extraction, the extraction shall also be video recorded, including audio. The video recording shall be retained by the facility in accordance with established records retention schedules. Notwithstanding the use of the video as evidence in a criminal proceeding, the tape shall be retained by the jail administration (15 CCR 1059).

517.6 LEGAL MANDATES AND RELEVANT LAWS

California law provides for the following:

517.6.1 DOCUMENTATION RELATED TO FORCE

The Watch Commander shall prepare prior written authorization for the use of any force (15 CCR 1059).

The written authorization shall include information that the subject was asked to provide the requisite sample and refused, as well as any related court order authorizing the force.

517.6.2 BLOOD SAMPLES

A blood sample should only be obtained under this policy when:

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- (a) The California DOJ requests a blood sample and the subject consents, or
- (b) A court orders a blood sample following a refusal.

The withdrawal of blood may only be performed in a medically approved manner by health care providers trained and qualified to draw blood. A California DOJ collection kit shall be used for this purpose (Penal Code § 298(a); Penal Code § 298(b)(2)).

517.6.3 LITIGATION

The Sheriff or the authorized designee should notify the California DOJ's DNA Legal Unit in the event this office is named in a lawsuit involving the DNA Data Bank.

End of Term Release

518.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish and maintain procedures governing the end of term release of inmates to ensure that inmates are not released in error.

518.2 POLICY

It will be the policy of the Butte County Sheriff's Office to provide for the timely, efficient, and legal release of inmates.

518.3 RELEASE PROCEDURE

Inmates who have reached the end of their sentenced term or who are ordered released by the court will be scheduled for release at staggered times on their release date to avoid congestion in the release area. Inmates scheduled for release shall be escorted by the staff to the transfer/release area to begin the release procedure without unnecessary delay.

The Correctional Technician preparing the release paperwork and the release officer shall sign / initial, annotated their call number and date the release paperwork on the same day the inmate is to be released.

Inmates shall not be released or moved during inmate count, change of shift, or at any time that would pose a potential safety threat or disrupt the orderly operation of the facility.

All inmates must be positively identified by the staff prior to being released from the facility. Inmate identities should be verified using intake records bearing the inmate's name, photograph, and facility identification number or a single digit fingerprint match system, if available.

Before any inmate may be released, the following conditions must be met:

- (a) The identity of the inmate has been verified.
- (b) All required paperwork for release is present. The staff shall review the active inmate file to verify the validity of the documents authorizing the release. The file should also be reviewed for other release-related or pending matters, including:
 1. Verifying calculations and release-date adjustments for good time credits.
 2. Any pending arrangements for follow-up, such as medications needed, appointments, or referral to community or social resources.
- (c) Releasing staff must complete National Crime Information Center (NCIC) and local warrant checks to ensure that there are no outstanding warrants or detention orders. If any agency has outstanding charges against the inmate, the staff shall notify the agency that the inmate is available for release.
- (d) If an inmate has known mental health concerns, the inmate shall be evaluated by a qualified health care professional to determine appropriate procedure for release, i.e., PC 5150 procedure. To the extent reasonably practicable, individuals who have been

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determined to be severely mentally ill should be released during business hours to facilitate their ability to receive services immediately after release.

- (e) All personal property shall be returned to the inmate during the release process. The inmate must acknowledge receiving his/her property by signed receipt. Any discrepancies shall be promptly reported to the Watch Commander.
- (f) All facility property must be returned by the inmate. Any missing or damaged facility property should be documented and promptly reported to the Watch Commander. The inmate shall remain in custody until the Watch Commander determines whether additional criminal charges should be filed against the inmate for the damage.
- (g) A forwarding address for the inmate should be on file and verified with the inmate.
- (h) Inmates on probation or parole should be directed by the staff to report to the probation or parole office immediately upon release. The parole authorities having jurisdiction shall be notified of the inmate's release, if required.
- (i) If needed, inmates may be allowed to make a reasonable number of telephone calls to arrange for transportation.

The housing sheet and release log shall be updated accordingly after the inmate's release. The release deputy shall ensure all release documents are complete and properly signed by the inmate and the staff where required.

518.3.1 DISCHARGE OF INMATES WITH MENTAL ILLNESS OR SUBSTANCE ADDICTION

Inmates who are eligible for release and suffer from mental illness or substance addiction may be offered to stay in the facility for up to 16 additional hours or until normal business hours, whichever is shorter, in order for the inmate to be discharged to a treatment center or be discharged during daylight hours. The inmate may revoke his/her consent and be released as soon as possible and practicable (Penal Code § 4024).

518.3.2 DISCHARGE OF INMATES CONVICTED OF FELONIES

Inmates who have been convicted of a felony and meet the conditions in Penal Code § 4852.01 shall be advised of the right to petition for certificate of rehabilitation and pardon prior to release. The Records Section shall inform the inmate in writing of the inmate's right to petition, and of the procedures for filing a petition and obtaining the certificate (Penal Code § 4852.21).

518.3.3 TRANSFERS TO IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES

Members shall not transfer an individual to immigration authorities unless one of the following circumstances exist (Government Code § 7282.5; Government Code § 7284.6):

- (a) Transfer is authorized by a judicial warrant or judicial probable cause determination.
- (b) The individual has been convicted of an offense as identified in Government Code § 7282.5(a).
- (c) The individual is a current registrant on the California Sex and Arson Registry.

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- (d) The individual is identified by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement as the subject of an outstanding federal felony arrest warrant.

518.3.4 DISCHARGE OF SEX OFFENDER REGISTRANTS

The Records Section shall inform the California Department of Justice when inmates required to register address changes under Penal Code § 290.013 have been released from the correctional facility within 15 days of release (Penal Code § 290.013).

518.3.5 ARRESTEE RELEASED FROM CUSTODY

Upon request, a detained arrestee released from custody shall be provided with the appropriate Judicial Council forms to petition the court to have the arrest and related records sealed (Penal Code § 851.91).

The correctional facility shall display the required signage that complies with Penal Code § 851.91 advising an arrestee of the right to obtain the Judicial Council forms.

Over-Detention and Inadvertent Releases

519.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy is intended to provide guidance to staff and management in the event of over-detention or inadvertent release.

519.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Inadvertent release - Any instance of an inmate being mistakenly released.

Over-detention - Any instance of an inmate being mistakenly detained beyond his/her scheduled release date.

519.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office to reasonably ensure that over-detention and inadvertent releases do not occur.

519.3 OVER-DETENTION

Any custody staff member who discovers or receives information of an over-detention, or a complaint from an inmate regarding over-detention (which could be discovered through a grievance), should immediately notify the Watch Commander (see the Inmate Grievances Policy).

The Watch Commander should direct the jail records unit (Post 10) to immediately conduct an investigation to determine the correct release date of the inmate and to report the findings to the Watch Commander.

Inmates who are found to be over-detained shall be processed for immediate release in accordance with the End of Term Release Policy. The Watch Commander shall ensure that the Jail Commander is notified, an entry is made in the Jail Management System (JMS) and that a report is completed on an interdepartmental memo.

519.3.1 OVER-DETENTION GRIEVANCES

Any custody staff member who receives information or a complaint from an inmate regarding over-detention, that cannot be resolved through discussion with the jail records unit, should assist the inmate with completing an Inmate Request form and forward the form directly to the Watch Commander as soon as practicable.

The Watch Commander receiving a request form regarding an over-detention should direct the jail records unit to immediately conduct an investigation to determine the correct release date of the inmate and to report the findings to the Watch Commander.

If the Watch Commander decides not to release the inmate, the Watch Commander should ensure the inmate receives a grievance form within 24 hours of completing the initial investigation in the inmate's complaint. The investigation and/or grievance documentation should reflect efforts made to investigate the allegation and the outcome (see the Inmate Grievances Policy).

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519.4 INADVERTENT RELEASE

Whenever an inadvertent release is discovered, the custody staff member making the discovery shall immediately notify the Watch Commander. The notification shall be documented in the daily activity log.

519.4.1 INADVERTENT RELEASE INVESTIGATION

The Watch Commander should direct the jail records unit to immediately conduct an investigation to determine the cause of the inadvertent release.

The Watch Commander will coordinate a response based upon the seriousness of the threat the inmate may pose to the community. The threat assessment should be based upon the inmate's criminal history and the reason he/she is currently in custody, among other factors.

In the case of an inadvertent release, the Watch Commander should immediately notify the Jail Commander and ensure a report is completed. The Jail Commander should notify the Sheriff.

An appropriate evaluation of the circumstances shall be made to determine whether the inadvertent release should be classified as an escape.

519.4.2 RETURNING THE INMATE TO CUSTODY

When the inmate is located and returned to the facility, the appropriate notifications should be made as soon as possible.

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600.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy addresses the fair and equitable application of inmate rules and disciplinary sanctions for those who fail to comply (15 CCR 1081).

600.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office to maintain written general categories of prohibited inmate behavior that are clear, consistent, and uniformly applied. Written rules and guidelines will be made available to all inmates. They will include a process for resolving minor infractions and a hearing process for a more serious breach of inmate rules. Criminal acts may be referred to the appropriate criminal agency.

600.3 DUE PROCESS

Inmates who are subject to discipline as a result of rule violations shall be afforded the procedural due process by the Sheriff that is established in the policies, procedures, and practices relating to inmate discipline. All inmates will be made aware of the rules of conduct related to maintaining facility safety, security, and order, as well as clearly defined penalties for rule violations. Staff will not engage in arbitrary actions against inmates. All disciplinary actions will follow clearly established procedures. All disciplinary sanctions will be fairly and consistently applied (15 CCR 1081 et seq.).

The process for an inmate accused of a Serious or Major rule violation includes:

- (a) A fair hearing in which a Watch Commander or the authorized designee presents factual evidence supporting the rule violation and the disciplinary action.
- (b) Notice to the inmate of the disciplinary hearing, providing the option of a 24-hour delay of hearing to allow the inmate time to prepare a defense.
- (c) An impartial hearing officer.
- (d) The limited right to call witnesses and/or present evidence on his/her behalf.
- (e) The appointment of an assistant or representative in cases where the inmate may be incapable of self-representation.
- (f) A formal written decision that documents the evidence used by the hearing officer, the reasons for any sanctions and an explanation of the appeal process.
- (g) Reasonable sanctions for violating rules that relate to the severity of the violation.
- (h) The opportunity to appeal the finding.

600.3.1 INMATE RULES AND SANCTIONS

The Jail Commander is responsible for ensuring that inmate rules and sanctions are developed, distributed, reviewed annually, and revised as needed.

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Inmates cannot be held accountable for rules of which they are unaware. However, it is impossible to define every possible prohibited act or rule violation that might be encountered in a detention facility. Therefore, a current list of recognized infractions that are generally prohibited should be available in each housing unit. All inmates, regardless of their housing unit, shall have access to these rules. Inmate rules shall be translated into the languages that are understood by the inmates (see the Inmate Handbook and Orientation Policy).

Disciplinary procedures governing inmate rule violations should address rules, minor, serious, and major violations, criminal offenses, disciplinary reports, pre-hearing detention, and pre-hearing actions or investigations.

600.3.2 POSTING

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee is responsible for conspicuously posting notices about rules, disciplinary procedures, and penalties in a conspicuous location, as set forth in 15 CCR 1080, and establishing procedures for communicating the rules effectively to inmates with disabilities and those who cannot read English sufficiently.

600.3.3 RULE VIOLATION REPORTS

California Penal Code § 4019.5 requires that all disciplinary infractions and punishment administered be documented. This requirement may be satisfied by retaining copies of rule violation reports, including the disposition of each violation (15 CCR 1084). Rule violation reports are required for major rule violations or any other violation that will require investigation or a formal resolution. The staff member who observed or detected the rule violation or who was charged with investigating a rule violation is responsible for completing the rule violation report. The rule violation report shall include, at a minimum:

- The date, time, and location of the incident.
- Specific rules violated.
- A written description of the incident.
- The identity of known participants in the incident.
- Identity of any witnesses to the incident.
- Description and disposition of any physical evidence.
- Action taken by staff, including any use of force.
- Name and signature of the reporting correctional deputy.
- Date and time of the report.

The supervisor investigating the violation shall ensure that certain items are documented in the investigation or rule violation report, including:

- Date and time the explanation and the written copy of the complaint and appeal process was provided to the inmate.
- The inmate's response to the charges.

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- Reasons for any sanctions.
- The identity of any staff or witnesses involved, as revealed by the inmate.
- The findings of the hearing officer.
- The inmate's appeal, if any.
- The appeal findings, if applicable.

600.4 RULE VIOLATION PROCEDURES

Minor acts of non-conformance to the rules may be handled informally by any correctional deputy (15 CCR 1081).

A violation of rules observed by general service employees, volunteers, or contractors will be reported to a correctional deputy for further action. Correctional deputies are authorized to recommend informal sanctions on minor violations.

Any staff member imposing informal discipline shall complete the reporting portion of the disciplinary report and provide the form to the supervisor for review prior to the imposition of the sanction.

Disciplinary sanctions that may be imposed for minor rule violations include (15 CCR 1081):

- Counseling the inmate regarding expected conduct.
- Assignment to extra work detail.
- Removal from work detail (without losing work time credits).
- Loss of television, telephone, and/or commissary privileges for a period not to exceed 24 hours.
- Lockdown in the inmate's assigned cell or confinement in the inmate's bunk area for a period not to exceed 24 hours.

An inmate may request that a supervisor review the imposed sanction. However, this request must be made within one hour of receiving notice of the sanction. The supervisor should respond to the request within a reasonable time (generally within two hours) and shall have final authority as to the imposition of informal discipline.

600.4.1 MULTIPLE MINOR RULE VIOLATIONS

Staff may initiate a Serious rule violation report if an inmate is charged with three or more minor rule violations in a consecutive 30-day period. Copies of all minor rule violations will be attached to the Serious rule violation report. A staff member shall conduct a hearing according to the procedures of a Serious rule violation.

Staff may initiate a Major rule violation report if an inmate is charged with three or more serious rule violations in a consecutive 30-day period. Copies of all serious rule violations will be attached to the Major rule violation report. A staff member shall conduct a hearing according to the procedures of a Major rule violation.

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600.4.2 SERIOUS AND MAJOR RULE VIOLATIONS

Serious and Major rule violations are considered a threat to the safety, security, or efficiency of the facility, its staff members, inmates, or visitors. Staff members witnessing or becoming aware of a serious or major rule violation shall take immediate steps to stabilize and manage the situation, including as necessary, immediate notification of a supervisor. If necessary, the supervisor shall assess the situation and initiate any emergency action, and notify the Operations lieutenant.

The staff member who learned of the rule violation shall write and submit a disciplinary report, along with all relevant evidence, to the appropriate supervisor prior to the end of the shift (15 CCR 1081).

600.4.3 ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATION HOUSING

Inmates who are accused of a serious or major rule violation may be moved to administrative separation housing for pre-hearing detention, with the Watch Commander's approval, if there is a threat to safety or security (15 CCR 1081). Inmates placed in pre-hearing detention are subject to the property and privilege restrictions commensurate with segregated confinement (15 CCR 1081).

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall, within 72 hours including weekends and holidays, review the status of any inmate in pre-hearing detention to determine whether continued pre-hearing separation housing is appropriate.

600.5 INVESTIGATIONS

Investigations involving serious and major rule violations should be initiated within 24 hours of the initial report and completed in sufficient time for the inmate to have a disciplinary hearing, which is required within 72 hours of the time the inmate was informed, in writing, of the charges. If additional time is needed, the investigating supervisor will request more time in writing from the Watch Commander. The inmate will be notified in writing of the delay.

If upon completion of an investigation, the investigating supervisor finds insufficient evidence to support a major rule violation, he/she may discuss alternative sanctions with the Watch Commander, including handling the incident as a serious or minor violation and/or recommending any related charges be removed. Such alternatives shall be documented in the inmate's file.

If the investigating supervisor determines that sufficient evidence exists to support a major rule violation, he/she will act as the hearing coordinator and will be responsible for:

- Reviewing all reports for accuracy and completeness.
- Overseeing or conducting any required additional investigation.
- Making a determination as to the final charges.
- Making preliminary decisions whether there is a need to appoint a staff member to act as an assistant to the inmate at the disciplinary hearing.
- Identifying any witnesses that may be called to the hearing.

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600.6 NOTIFICATIONS

An inmate charged with a serious or major rule violation shall be given a written description of the incident and the rules violated at least 24 hours prior to a disciplinary hearing.

Unless waived in writing by the inmate, hearings may not be held in less than 24 hours from the time of notification (15 CCR 1081).

600.7 HEARING OFFICER

The Jail Commander shall appoint at least one hearing officer to preside and conduct disciplinary hearings of serious and major rule violations. The hearing officer should be a qualified supervisor or suitably trained designee who will have the responsibility and authority to rule on charges of inmate rule violations. The hearing officer shall not investigate nor preside over any inmate disciplinary hearing on cases where he/she was a witness or was directly involved in the incident that generated the complaint (15 CCR 1081).

600.8 HEARING PROCEDURE

Inmates charged with a serious or major rule violation are entitled to be present at a hearing unless waived in writing or excluded because their behavior poses a threat to facility safety, security, and order (15 CCR 1081). Staff shall inform the hearing officer when any inmate is excluded or removed from a scheduled hearing and shall document the reasons for the exclusion or removal. A copy of the report shall be forwarded to the Jail Commander.

Hearings may be postponed or continued for a reasonable period of time for good cause. Reasons for postponement or continuance shall be documented and forwarded to the Jail Commander (15 CCR 1081).

The hearing officer shall disclose to the accused inmate all witnesses who will be participating in the hearing. Inmates have no right to cross-examine witnesses. However, the accused inmate may be permitted to suggest questions that the hearing officer, in his/her discretion, may ask.

600.8.1 TIME OF HEARING

Unless declined by the inmate, a hearing shall be provided no sooner than 24 hours and no later than 72 hours after the report has been submitted to the hearing officer and the inmate has been informed of the charges in writing (15 CCR 1081).

600.8.2 EVIDENCE

Accused inmates have the right to make a statement, present evidence, and call witnesses at the hearing (15 CCR 1081). Requests for witnesses shall be submitted in writing by the inmate no later than 12 hours before the scheduled start of the hearing. The written request must include a brief summary of what the witness is expected to say.

The hearing officer may deny the request when it is determined that allowing the witness to testify would be unduly hazardous to institutional safety or correctional goals, when the witness's information would not be relevant or would be unnecessarily duplicative, or is otherwise unnecessary. The reason for denying a witness to testify shall be documented in the hearing

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report. The reason for denial of any documents requested by the inmate shall also be documented in the hearing record.

A witness's signed written statement may be submitted by the inmate as an alternative to a live appearance. The hearing officer shall review and determine whether the statement is relevant to the charges and shall document the reason for exclusion when any written statement is not given consideration.

Absent a safety or security concern, all staff reports and evidence, including exculpatory evidence, obtained during the disciplinary investigation shall be presented to the accused inmate prior to the hearing.

600.8.3 CONFIDENTIAL INFORMANTS

If information from any confidential informant is to be presented at the hearing, information establishing the reliability and credibility of the informant shall be provided to the hearing officer prior to the hearing. The hearing officer shall review such information to determine whether the informant is reliable and credible.

600.8.4 STAFF ASSISTANCE

A staff member shall be assigned to assist an inmate who is incapable of representing him/herself at a disciplinary hearing due to literacy, developmental disabilities, language barriers, or mental status (15 CCR 1081). The scope of the duties of the assistant shall be commensurate with the reasons for the appointment. The assistant should be allowed sufficient time to confer with the inmate to fulfill his/her obligations. In these cases, the inmate does not have a right to appoint a person to assist in his/her disciplinary hearing. The final decision regarding the appointment rests with the hearing officer.

Inmate discipline is an administrative and not a judicial process. Inmates do not have a right to an attorney in any disciplinary hearing. Additionally, disciplinary matters may be referred for criminal prosecution and jail disciplinary action concurrently as there is no double jeopardy defense for an administrative process.

600.8.5 DISCIPLINARY DECISIONS

Disciplinary decisions shall be based on the preponderance of evidence presented during the disciplinary hearing.

The disciplinary process shall consider whether an inmate's mental disabilities or mental illness contributed to the inmate's behavior when determining what type of discipline, if any, should be imposed (28 CFR 115.78(c)).

600.8.6 REPORT OF FINDINGS

The hearing officer shall utilize the Disciplinary Action Report (DAR) form to document their findings regarding the decision, and detailing the evidence and the reasons for the disciplinary action. A copy of the report shall be provided to the inmate. The original shall be filed with the

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record of the proceedings. All documentation related to the disciplinary process shall be retained and a copy should be placed in the inmate's file (15 CCR 1081).

If it is determined that the inmate's charge is not sustained at the end of the disciplinary hearing, the documentation shall be removed from the inmate's file but otherwise maintained in accordance with records retention requirements.

All disciplinary hearing reports and dispositions shall be reviewed by the Jail Commander or the authorized designee soon after the final disposition. Inmates in disciplinary segregation shall receive visits from the Jail Commander or the authorized designee at least once every seven days as part of the disciplinary review process (15 CCR 1081).

600.9 DISCIPLINARY APPEALS

Inmates wishing to appeal the decision of the hearing officer must do so in writing within five days of the decision. All appeals will be forwarded to the Jail Commander or the authorized designee for review (15 CCR 1081).

Only appeals based on the following will be considered:

- (a) The disciplinary process or procedures were not followed.
- (b) There was insufficient evidence to support the hearing officer's decision.
- (c) The discipline imposed was not proportionate to the violation committed.

A final disposition shall be rendered as soon as possible if the inmate's appeal is granted or discipline is reduced but no later than 10 days after the appeal. The decision of the review authority shall be final and the result of the appeal shall be provided to the inmate in writing.

600.10 LIMITATIONS ON DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The U.S. and state constitutions expressly prohibit all cruel or unusual punishment. Additionally, there shall be the following limitations (15 CCR 1083(a) through (i)):

- In no case shall any inmate or group of inmates be delegated the authority to punish any other inmate or group of inmates (Penal Code § 4019.5; 15 CCR 1083).
- In no case shall a safety cell, as specified in the Safety and Sobering Cells Policy, be used for disciplinary purposes (15 CCR 1083).
- In no case shall any restraint device be used for disciplinary purposes.
- Food shall not be withheld as a disciplinary measure (15 CCR 1083).
- Correspondence privileges shall not be withheld except in cases where the inmate has violated correspondence regulations, in which case correspondence other than legal mail may be suspended for no longer than 72 hours without the review and approval of the Jail Commander (15 CCR 1083).
- In no case shall access to the courts and/or legal counsel be suspended as a disciplinary measure (15 CCR 1083).

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- No inmate may be deprived of the implements necessary to maintain an acceptable level of personal hygiene (15 CCR 1083; 15 CCR 1265).
- Disciplinary segregation in excess of 30 days without review by the Jail Commander is prohibited. The review shall include a consultation with health care staff. Such reviews shall continue at least every 15 days thereafter until the disciplinary status has ended.
- Discipline may be imposed for sexual activity between inmates. However, such activity shall not be considered sexual abuse for purposes of discipline unless the activity was coerced (28 CFR 115.78(g)).
- No discipline may be imposed for sexual contact with staff unless there is a finding that the staff member did not consent to such contact (28 CFR 115.78(e)).
- No inmate may be disciplined for falsely reporting sexual abuse or lying, even if an investigation does not establish evidence sufficient to substantiate the allegation, if the report was made in good faith based upon a reasonable belief that the alleged conduct occurred (28 CFR 115.78(f)).
- Disciplinary separation diets may only be applied to major rule violations (15 CCR 1083).

600.11 GUIDELINES FOR DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS

The sanctions imposed for rule violations can range from counseling, loss of privileges, extra work, loss of good and/or work time, and segregation and a disciplinary separation diet as provided in the Disciplinary Separation Policy (15 CCR 1081). To the extent that there is available therapy, counseling or other interventions designed to address and correct underlying reasons or motivations for sexual abuse, the facility shall consider whether to require an inmate being disciplined for sexual abuse to participate in such interventions as a condition of access to programming or other benefits (28 CFR 115.78(d)).

Discipline shall be commensurate with the nature and circumstances of the offense committed, the inmate's disciplinary history, and the sanctions imposed for comparable offenses by other inmates with similar histories (28 CFR 115.78(b); 15 CCR 1082).

Inmates shall be subject to disciplinary sanctions pursuant to a formal disciplinary process following an administrative finding that the inmate engaged in inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse or following a criminal finding of guilt for inmate-on-inmate sexual abuse (28 CFR 115.78(a)).

In all cases, sanctions should be imposed for the purpose of controlling or changing an inmate's behavior and not for the purpose of punishment (15 CCR 1082).

Acceptable forms of discipline shall consist of but not be limited to the following (15 CCR 1082):

- Loss of privileges
- Extra work detail
- Short-term lockdown for less than 24 hours
- Removal from work details

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- Forfeiture of work time credits earned under Penal Code § 4019
- Forfeiture of good time credits earned under Penal Code § 4019
- Disciplinary detention
- Disciplinary separation diet

The Sheriff or the Jail Commander shall be responsible for developing and implementing a range of disciplinary sanctions for violations.

600.12 TRAINING

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee is responsible for ensuring that a wide range of training and disciplinary tools are available to aid staff and that preprinted forms are available for documenting rule violations in a consistent and thorough manner.

The Training Coordinator is responsible for developing and delivering, or procuring, training for staff members who participate in the disciplinary hearing process. Training topics should include the legal significance of due process protections and the hearing officer's role in assuring that those protections are provided.

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601.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy specifically addresses disciplinary separation and guiding principles relating to the conditions attached to that separation. It will provide guidance to the staff on acceptable practices with regard to management of inmates in disciplinary separation or classified as requiring special management needs.

601.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Disciplinary separation - A status assigned to an inmate after a disciplinary hearing in which the inmate was found to be in violation of a correctional facility rule or state or federal law. This status results in separating the inmate from the rest of the inmate population to serve the consequence imposed.

601.2 POLICY

The Butte County Sheriff's Office will designate a disciplinary separation housing location to house inmates who, after an impartial due process hearing, are being sanctioned for violating one or more correctional facility rules. Restrictions on privileges will be subject to the disciplinary process and in accordance with this policy.

601.3 DISCIPLINARY SEPARATION

Inmates may be placed into disciplinary separation only after an impartial hearing to determine the facts of the rule violation, in accordance with the office Inmate Discipline Policy. The hearing officer shall impose discipline in accordance with the discipline schedule established by the Jail Commander. Maximum discipline sanctions for any one incident, regardless of the number of rules violated, shall not exceed 60 days.

Disciplinary separation in excess of 30 days shall be reviewed by the Jail Commander before the discipline is imposed. The review shall include a consultation with health care staff. Such reviews shall continue at least every 15 days thereafter until the disciplinary status has ended. These reviews shall be documented (15 CCR 1082(g); 15 CCR 1083(a)).

601.4 INMATE ACCESS TO SERVICES

The ability to discipline inmates for conduct violations is not absolute. Absent legitimate government reason, inmates continue to have a right to receive certain services. However, inmates in disciplinary separation, in accordance with the Inmate Discipline Policy, or special management inmates who are disciplined for one or more rule violations, may be subject to loss of privileges or credit for good time and work.

Services to provide for basic human needs must continue to be made available. There are minimum service requirements that must be maintained to ensure the facility continues to operate in a constitutional manner. All custody staff will adhere to the following policy sections to guide

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them in the supervision of inmates held in disciplinary separation or classified as requiring special management needs.

601.4.1 MEDICATION, CLOTHING, AND PERSONAL ITEMS

Inmates placed in disciplinary separation are considered special management inmates and shall not be denied prescribed medication.

Special management inmates will be provided with clothing that identifies their status, but in no case will this clothing be used to intentionally disgrace the inmate.

Absent unusual circumstances, special management inmates will continue to have the same access to personal items in their cell as general population inmates have, including the following:

- Clean laundry
- Barbering and hair care services
- Clothing exchanges
- Bedding and linen exchanges

Inmates in disciplinary separation shall not be deprived of bedding or clothing except in cases where the inmate destroys such articles or uses them to attempt suicide (15 CCR 1083(b)). The decision to continue to deprive the inmate of these articles must be made by the Jail Commander or the authorized designee and reviewed every 24 hours.

601.4.2 SHOWERING AND PERSONAL HYGIENE

Inmates in disciplinary separation should be allowed to shower with the same frequency as the general inmate population, if reasonably practicable, but at a minimum shall be afforded the opportunity to shower at least every other day and shave daily (15 CCR 1083(e)). The opportunities for each inmate to shave and shower will be documented on the Administrative separation shower / yard / dayroom log.

Exceptions to this policy can only be made when the restriction is determined to be reasonably necessary for legitimate government purposes. Any exceptions to this basic requirement must be reviewed and approved by the Watch Commander. The circumstances necessitating a restriction must be clearly documented.

601.4.3 DENIAL OF AUTHORIZED ITEMS OR ACTIVITIES

Personal items may be withheld when it reasonably appears that the items will be destroyed by the inmate or it is reasonably believed that the personal item will be used for a self-inflicted injury or to harm others.

Whenever an inmate in disciplinary separation is denied personal care items or activities that are usually authorized to the general population inmates, except for restrictions imposed as a result of a disciplinary hearing, the correctional deputy taking such action shall prepare a report describing the circumstances that necessitated the need to restrict personal items or activities. The report

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shall be submitted to a supervisor for review, who will then forward it to the Jail Commander. A copy of the report shall be placed in the inmate's classification file.

601.4.4 MAIL AND CORRESPONDENCE

Inmates in disciplinary separation shall have the same privileges to write and receive correspondence as inmates in general population, except in cases where inmates violated correspondence regulations. In such cases, mail privilege may be suspended. The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall approve all mail privilege suspensions that exceed 72 hours. Legal mail shall not be suspended from delivery to the inmate (15 CCR 1083(h)).

601.4.5 VISITATION

Inmates in disciplinary separation shall have the same opportunities for visitation as general population inmates, except when the visitation privileges are suspended pursuant to a sanction imposed by the administrative disciplinary officer. Disciplinary sanctions that limit or curtail visitation must be clearly documented and approved by a supervisor if not a condition of the original approved discipline.

601.4.6 READING AND LEGAL MATERIALS

Inmates in disciplinary separation shall have the same access to reading materials and legal materials as the general population inmates, unless the restriction is directed by a court of law or there is a reasonable basis to believe the materials will be used for illegal purposes or pose a direct threat to the security and safety of the facility. In such cases the basis for the action shall be formally documented in the inmate's classification file. Access to courts and legal counsel shall not be suspended as a disciplinary measure (15 CCR 1083(i)).

601.4.7 EXERCISE

Inmates in disciplinary separation shall be given a minimum of three hours of exercise per week outside of their cell. Exceptions to this may occur if there are legitimate security or safety considerations. The circumstances relating to the limitation of exercise shall be documented in an incident report. The report shall be reviewed, and the restriction shall be approved by a supervisor.

601.4.8 LIMITED TELEPHONE PRIVILEGES

Inmates in disciplinary separation may have their telephone privilege restricted or denied. Exceptions include the following:

- (a) Making legal calls
- (b) Responding to verified family emergencies, when approved by the sergeant or Jail Commander

601.4.9 BEDDING AND CLOTHING

Inmates in disciplinary separation shall not be deprived of bedding or clothing except in cases where the inmate destroys such articles or uses them to harm him/herself or others or for something other than the intended purpose. Clothing and bedding shall be returned to the inmate as soon as it is reasonable to believe the behavior that caused the action will not continue. The

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decision to continue to deprive the inmate of these articles must be made by the Jail Commander or the authorized designee and reviewed at least every twenty-four hours. This review shall be documented and placed into the inmate's file.

601.5 DISCIPLINARY SEPARATION DIET

Under no circumstances will an inmate be denied food as a means of punishment (15 CCR 1083(f)). A disciplinary separation diet may only be used for major violations of correctional facility rules (15 CCR 1083(g)). No inmate receiving a prescribed medical diet is to be placed on a disciplinary separation diet without review and written approval of a physician or pursuant to a written plan approved by the physician. Disciplinary separation diets shall be served twice during each 24-hour period and must meet statutorily prescribed minimum food and nutritional requirements as described in the Disciplinary Separation Diet Policy.

Before any inmate is placed on a disciplinary separation diet, the following shall occur:

- (a) The medical care staff shall review the medical condition and history of the inmate and approve the alternative meal service.
- (b) The Jail Commander or designee shall review the incident report and related medical review notes and shall approve the use of a disciplinary separation diet.
- (c) Custody and medical staff shall monitor these special circumstances and report their observations to the Jail Commander.
- (d) Disciplinary separation diets shall not be served in any case for more than 72 hours without the written approval of the Jail Commander and a physician.

601.6 SAFETY CHECKS

A staff member shall conduct a face-to-face safety check of all disciplinary separation inmates at least every 60 minutes on an irregular schedule. If an inmate is violent, has mental health problems, or demonstrates unusual behavior, the face-to-face check by custody should occur more frequently on an irregular schedule.

Inmates who are at risk of suicide shall be under continuous observation until seen by a qualified health care professional. Subsequent supervision routines should be in accordance with the facility's suicide prevention protocol (SPP).

Disciplinary separation inmates shall receive increased monitoring to include at a minimum:

- (a) A visit by the Watch Commander once a day.
- (b) Visits by program staff, upon request.
- (c) Visits by a qualified health care professional a minimum of once a day and more often, if needed.

All management, program staff, and qualified health care professional visits shall be documented on the appropriate records and logs and retained in accordance with established records retention schedules.

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601.6.1 DOCUMENTATION OF SEPARATION CHECKS

Separation rounds shall be documented on logs.

601.6 MENTAL HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS

Due to the possibility of self-inflicted injury and depression during periods of separation, health evaluations should include notations of any bruises and other trauma markings, and the qualified health care professional's comments regarding the inmate's attitude and outlook.

- (a) A qualified health care professional should visit each inmate a minimum of three times weekly and more often if needed. A medical assessment should be documented in the inmate's medical file.
- (b) Mental health staff or a qualified mental health professional should also conduct weekly rounds.

When an inmate is classified as a special management inmate due to the presence of a serious mental illness and is placed in a separation setting, the mental health progress notes and management plan should reflect the changed environment. When an inmate is expected to remain in separation for more than 30 days (based upon disciplinary decisions, protective needs or other factors) the special management treatment plan should be updated to reflect this.

If applicable, a qualified health care professional should provide screening for suicide risk following admission to the separation unit.

601.7 LOG PROCEDURES

All management, program staff, and qualified health care professional visits shall be documented on the appropriate records and logs and retained in accordance with established records retention schedules.

Handwritten logs should be completed in ink. Once an entry is made it should not be modified. If corrections or changes are needed, they should be done by way of a supplemental entry.

Electronically captured logs will be maintained in a way that prevents entries from being deleted or modified once they are entered. Corrections or changes must be done by way of supplemental entries. At a minimum the records will contain the following:

- (a) Inmate name
- (b) Inmate facility identification number
- (c) Housing location
- (d) Classification status
- (e) Date and time placed in separation
- (f) Date and time of observation checks
- (g) Violation and length of discipline
- (h) Scheduled date of removal from separation
- (i) Medical, psychological, or behavioral considerations

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- (j) Counseling for behavior (as appropriate)
- (k) Date and time of removal from separation

Log entries should be legible, be entered promptly, and provide sufficient detail to adequately reflect the events of the day for future reference.

The date and time of the observation or incident and the name and identification number of the staff member making the log entry shall be included on each entry.

Supervisors should review the logs frequently during the shift and enter comments as appropriate. At a minimum, supervisors should enter the date and time of each review.

All safety checks will be documented in detail and should include the exact time of the safety check and the identification information of the employee conducting the check. All documentation will be gathered and provided to the Watch Commander or Officer-in-Charge at the end of each shift.

601.7.1 LOG INSPECTION AND ARCHIVAL OF LOGS

The Watch Commander shall review and evaluate the logs and pass any significant incidents via the chain of command to the Jail Commander for review.

The logs will be retained by the Office in accordance with established records retention schedules but in no case less than one year.

Inmates with Disabilities

602.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy provides guidelines for addressing the needs and rights of inmates detained by this office, in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

602.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Disability - The ADA defines a disability as a physical or mental impairment that limits one or more major life activities. These include, but are not limited to, any disability that would substantially limit the mobility of an individual or an impairment of vision and/or hearing, speaking, or performing manual tasks that require some level of dexterity.

602.2 POLICY

This office will take all reasonable steps to accommodate inmates with disabilities while they are in custody and will comply with the ADA and any related state laws. Discrimination on the basis of disability is prohibited.

602.3 JAIL COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITIES

The Jail Commander, in coordination with the Responsible Physician and the ADA Coordinator (see Accessibility - Facility and Equipment Policy), will establish written procedures to assess and reasonably accommodate disabilities of inmates. The procedures will include, but not be limited to:

- Establishing housing areas that are equipped to meet the physical needs of disabled inmates, including areas that allow for personal care and hygiene in a reasonably private setting and for reasonable interaction with inmates.
- Establishing classification criteria to make housing assignments to inmates with disabilities.
- Assigning individuals with adequate training to assist disabled inmates with basic life functions as needed. Inmates should not provide this assistance except as allowed in the Inmate Assistants Policy.
- Establishing transportation procedures for moving inmates with limited mobility.
- Establishing guidelines for services, programs and activities for the disabled and ensuring that inmates with disabilities have an equal opportunity to participate in or benefit from all aspects of the facility's efforts to prevent, detect and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment (28 CFR 115.16).
- Enlisting or contracting for trained service personnel who have experience working with disabled people.
- Establishing procedures for the request and review of accommodations.

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- Establishing guidelines for the accommodation of individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing, have common disabilities such as sight and mobility impairments, developmental disabilities, and common medical issues, such as epilepsy.
- Identification and evaluation of all developmentally disabled inmates, including contacting the regional center for the developmentally disabled to assist with diagnosis and/or treatment within 24 hours of identification, excluding holidays and weekends (15 CCR 1057).

The Jail Commander is responsible for ensuring the Butte County Sheriff's Office correctional facility is designed or adapted to reasonably accommodate inmates with disabilities. At a minimum this includes:

- Access to telephones equipped with a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) for inmates who are deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired.
- If orientation videos are used to explain facility rules to newly admitted inmates, subtitles may be displayed on the video presentation to assist inmates who have impaired hearing.
- Some cells and dormitories should be equipped with wheelchair accessible toilet and shower facilities. Inmates with physical disabilities should be allowed to perform personal care in a reasonably private environment.
- Tables designed for eating should be accessible to those in wheelchairs.

602.4 CORRECTIONAL DEPUTY RESPONSIBILITIES

Correctional deputies should work with qualified health care professionals to aid in making accommodations for those with physical disabilities.

Correctional deputies who work in the classification process should be aware of inmates with disabilities before making housing decisions. For example, persons with mobility issues may require a lower bunk and accessible toilet and shower facilities. When necessary or required, a supervisor of classification correctional deputy should consult with the qualified health care professional or the Responsible Physician regarding housing location.

Correctional deputies should assist an inmate with a disability by accommodating the inmate consistent with any guidelines related to the inmate's disability. If there are no current guidelines in place, correctional deputies receiving an inmate request for accommodation of a disability should direct the inmate to provide the request in writing or assist the inmate in doing so, as needed. The written request should be brought to the on-duty supervisor as soon as practicable but during the correctional deputy's current shift. If possible and medically appropriate, the on-duty supervisor should grant accommodations upon the inmate's request, if the accommodation would not raise a safety concern or affect the orderly function of the correctional facility. Regardless of whether the accommodation(s) is provided at the on-duty supervisors level or not, all formal written requests should be submitted to the Administrative Lieutenant (ADA Coordinator) for review, approval or denial, and archiving.

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Requests that are minor and do not reasonably appear related to a significant or ongoing need may be addressed informally, such as providing extra tissue to an inmate with a cold. Such requests need not be made in writing.

602.5 ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS

During the intake classification process, inmates shall be asked to reveal any prior accommodations provided while incarcerated. Any such request will be addressed according to the classification process.

Requests for accommodation after initial entry into the facility should be made through the standard facility request process and should be reviewed by a supervisor within 24 hours of the request being made. The reviewing supervisor should evaluate the request and, if approved, notify the Administrative Lieutenant (ADA Coordinator) (see the Accessibility - Facility and Equipment Policy) and any other staff as necessary to meet the accommodation. The supervisor should make a record of the accommodation and forward the documentation to be placed in the inmate's classification file.

A supervisor who does not grant the accommodation, either in part or in full, should forward the request to the Administrative Lieutenant (ADA Coordinator) within 48 hours of the request being made. The Administrative Lieutenant, with the assistance of the County ADA Coordinator and/or legal counsel, should make a determination regarding the request within five (5) days of the request being made. The Administrative Lieutenant will make the Jail Commander aware of any denials of ADA accommodations.

602.6 TRAINING

The Administrative Lieutenant (ADA Coordinator) should work with the Training Coordinator to provide periodic training on such topics as:

- (a) Policies, procedures, forms, and available resources for disabled inmates.
- (b) Working effectively with interpreters, telephone interpretive services and related equipment.
- (c) Training for management staff, even if they may not interact regularly with disabled individuals, so that they remain fully aware of and understand this policy and can reinforce its importance and ensure its implementation.

Inmate Access to Courts and Counsel

603.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to protect the constitutional rights of inmates to access the courts and legal counsel, while holding inmates accountable to the rules and regulations that govern conduct in this facility. The staff at every level is reminded the fundamental constitutional right of access to courts does not end when a person is incarcerated.

603.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office that all inmates will have access to the courts and the ability to consult with legal counsel (15 CCR 1068).

603.3 INMATE ACCESS

Staff should not unreasonably interfere with inmates' attempts to seek counsel and where appropriate should assist inmates with making confidential contact with attorneys and authorized representatives.

Access to courts and legal counsel may occur through court-appointed counsel, attorney or legal assistant visits, telephone conversations or written communication. To facilitate access, this facility will minimally provide:

- Confidential attorney visiting areas that include the means by which the attorney and the inmate can share legal documents.
- Telephones that enable confidential attorney-client calls.
- Reasonable access to legal materials.
- A means of providing assistance through the court process by individuals trained in the law. This assistance will be available to illiterate inmates and those who cannot speak or read English or who have disabilities that would impair their ability to access.
- Writing materials, envelopes and postage for indigent inmates for legal communications and correspondence.

The Jail Commander shall be responsible for ensuring that information regarding access to courts and legal counsel and requesting legal materials or legal assistance is included in the inmate handbook, that is provided during inmate orientation.

603.4 CONFIDENTIALITY

All communication between inmates and their attorneys is confidential, including telephone conversations, written communication and video conferencing. The content of written attorney-client communication will not be reviewed or censored but the documents may be inspected for contraband.

Outgoing and incoming legal correspondence shall be routed through the staff, who have received special training in inspecting confidential documents and who are accountable for maintaining

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confidentiality. Incoming legal correspondence shall be opened and inspected for contraband in the presence of the recipient inmate.

Inmates may seek the assistance of other inmates in writing writs and other legal correspondence to the courts, when needed subject to the security and safety needs of the inmates, staff and the facility.

603.5 INMATE REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

Written materials addressing how an inmate can access local attorneys and key legal documents shall be available in each housing unit. Staff shall provide these materials to any inmate upon request. However, staff shall not provide legal advice or assist any inmate in the completion of any legal document.

Habeas corpus forms shall be made available to any inmate by the staff upon request.

Legal forms filled out by the inmate shall be forwarded to court administration directly or via an appointed legal assistant.

603.6 VISITATION RELATED TO LEGAL DEFENSE

Visits with inmates that are related to legal defense, including attorneys, paralegals and investigators, will be permitted only in the areas designated for legal visitation to assure confidentiality (15 CCR 1068(b)). Contact visits may be approved by the Jail Commander for special circumstances.

- (a) Visits shall be of a reasonable length of time to discourage any allegation the defense of the inmate was hindered due to the length of time allowed for the legally authorized visit. These visits shall be of such a length of time that they do not interfere with the security, order and discipline of this facility. The permissible time for visitation should be flexible but shall not substantially interfere with other facility schedules, such as medical examinations, meal service or other required activities.
- (b) Only materials brought to this facility by an approved legal assistant shall be allowed.
- (c) All materials shall be subject to security inspections by the staff and shall be routed through the jail facility's public lobby Window and Watch Commander for logging and distribution.

603.7 MAIL

Legal mail shall be handled in accordance with the Inmate Mail Policy.

603.8 IN PROPRIA PERSONA (PRO PER) INMATES

Inmates may be granted pro per status by court order only. Any time a court order is received designating an inmate as having been granted pro per status, all relevant records systems at the facility shall be updated to reflect this information. A copy of the court order shall be maintained in the inmate's file in accordance with established records retention schedules.

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The court may, but is not required to, appoint to an inmate who is designated pro per a back-up attorney, paralegal or other person to assist the inmate with legal research. All information related to appointed assistants should be recorded in the relevant facility records.

Any provision of legal materials shall be in accordance with court directives and in consultation with the County Counsel.

603.8.1 PRO PER STATUS MISUSE

Any inmate who is granted pro per status and is found to be misusing or abusing that status to the extent that it poses a demonstrable threat to the safety and security of the facility shall be immediately reported to the Jail Commander. The Jail Commander may recommend the suspension or a limitation of the inmate's pro per privileges if they adversely affect the safety and security of the correctional facility.

Upon the concurrence with the findings and recommendation of the Jail Commander, Sheriff or the authorized designee shall consult with the Office's legal counsel prior to notifying the court of any intent to limit the described pro per privileges.

The inmate may petition the court if he/she is dissatisfied with the action taken.

603.8.2 PRO PER STATUS - MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES

The facility may provide the following materials and supplies to a pro per inmate. These items may be retained by the inmate but must be kept in the container supplied for such purpose. The items may include:

- One (1) ruled legal notepad
- One yellow highlighter
- One ink pen (flexible security pen only)
- One legal cardboard box with lid
- 9-inch x 12-inch manila envelopes and 10-inch x 14-inch manila envelopes
- Up to a maximum of four law books at one time (paperback or hardback), issued through the jail Law Library / Community Legal Information Center (CLIC) office.

Unless otherwise ordered by the court, the Office shall have no obligation to supply materials beyond those listed above. Replacement of any of the listed items shall be accomplished through a written request to the Utility Officer or the authorized designee. Supplies provided by a court legal liaison will be received and distributed by the Watch Commander or the authorized designee. All supplies distributed to the inmate will be recorded in the inmate's pro per activities record. Supplies not listed in this policy are subject to approval by the Jail Commander or the authorized designee.

Copies of an inmate's final legal (criminal case) work product may be obtained through the jail CLIC office.

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Inmates may purchase their own legal books and materials. However, such materials will be subject to safety inspection and rules pertaining to items permitted to be in the inmate's possession. Personal books must be marked with the inmate's name and booking number.

Any books or materials found in the inmate's possession beyond what is authorized will be returned or placed in the inmate's property.

603.8.3 PRO PER INMATES INTERVIEWING WITNESSES

A pro per inmate may be permitted to interview prospective witnesses in the regular visitation area. Requests for visits outside of normal visiting hours will be directed to a supervisor for approval and should be accommodated when practicable.

Interviews conducted by pro per inmates are subject to the following rules and restrictions:

- (a) No interview will be permitted without notification from a judge confirming or validating the prospective witness. The pro per inmate is responsible for providing the judge with the list of prospective witnesses for validation.
- (b) No visit shall be permitted by a prospective witness who is in the custody of this office or otherwise detained by a government agency, except upon a specific court order.

603.8.4 TELEPHONE USAGE

Pro per inmates may use the telephones in their housing areas to place calls concerning their cases. Court-authorized pro per telephone calls shall not be monitored and shall be provided without charge to the inmate in accordance with the orders of the court (see the Inmate Telephone Access Policy).

Foreign Nationals and Diplomats

604.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy addresses the privileges and immunities afforded to members of foreign diplomatic missions and consular posts.

This policy also addresses the legal requirements related to consular notifications that should occur when a foreign national is in custody.

604.2 POLICY

The Butte County Sheriff's Office Correctional Facility will treat foreign diplomatic and consular personnel with due regard for the privileges and immunities to which they are entitled under international law. The Office will investigate all claims of immunity and accept custody of the person when appropriate.

The Butte County Sheriff's Office Correctional Facility will also honor the laws related to foreign nationals in custody by making proper consular notifications and by assisting those who wish to contact their consular representative.

604.3 DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR IMMUNITY

604.3.1 AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES

The Watch Commander will ensure that current contact information for the U.S. Department of State and the U.S. Mission to the United Nations is readily available for office members who need to verify a claim of diplomatic or consular immunity. Relevant material for law enforcement published by the U.S. Department of State Bureau of Diplomatic Security should be readily available as well.

604.3.2 ADDRESSING CLAIMS OF DIPLOMATIC OR CONSULAR IMMUNITY

When an arrestee who claims diplomatic or consular immunity is brought to the Butte County Sheriff's Office Correctional Facility the receiving correctional deputy shall first inform the Watch Commander and then generally proceed as follows:

- (a) Do not accept custody of the person from the transporting officer/deputy. The person should not be brought inside the Butte County Sheriff's Office Correctional Facility unless doing so would facilitate the investigation of his/her claim of immunity.
- (b) Do not handcuff the person, or, if handcuffs have been applied, remove them unless there is an articulable threat that would justify their use.
- (c) If the person has already been accepted into custody, inform the person that he/she will be detained until his/her identity and immunity can be confirmed. Attempt to obtain a U.S. Department of State-issued identification card or other identification or documents that may relate to the claimed immunity.
- (d) In all cases, verify the status and level of immunity by contacting the U.S. Department of State or the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, as appropriate.

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It will be the responsibility of the Watch Commander to communicate the claim of immunity to the on-duty supervisor of the arresting office (if not the Butte County Sheriff's Office). The Watch Commander may assist another agency in determining the person's immunity status.

The Watch Commander is responsible for ensuring appropriate action is taken based upon information received regarding the person's immunity status.

604.3.3 REPORTING

If the person's immunity status has been verified, the Watch Commander should ensure a report is prepared describing the details and circumstances of any detention or custody. A copy of the report should be faxed or mailed as soon as possible to the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. or to the U.S. Mission to the United Nations in New York in cases involving a member of the United Nations community.

604.4 CONSULAR NOTIFICATIONS

604.4.1 CONSULAR NOTIFICATION LIST AND CONTACTS

The Jail Commander will ensure that the U.S. Department of State's list of countries and jurisdictions that require mandatory notification is readily available to office members. There should also be a published list of foreign embassy and consulate telephone and fax numbers, as well as standardized notification forms that can be faxed and then retained for the record. Prominently displayed placards informing inmates of rights related to consular notification should also be posted.

604.4.2 CONSULAR NOTIFICATION ON BOOKING

Office members assigned to book inmates shall:

- (a) Inform the foreign national, without delay, that he/she may have his/her consular officers notified of the arrest or detention and may communicate with them. Members shall ensure this notification is acknowledged and documented.
- (b) Determine whether the foreign national's country is on the U.S. Department of State's mandatory notification list.
- (c) If the foreign national's country is not on the list for mandatory notification but the foreign national requests that his/her consular officers be notified, then:
 1. Notify the nearest embassy or consulate of the foreign national's country of the person's arrest or detention by faxing the appropriate notification form. If no fax confirmation is received, a telephonic notification should be made and documented.
 2. Forward any communication from the foreign national to his/her consular officers without delay.
- (d) If the foreign national's country is on the list for mandatory notification, then:

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1. Notify the nearest embassy or consulate of the foreign national's country, without delay, of the person's arrest or detention by faxing the appropriate notification form. If no fax confirmation is received, a telephonic notification should be made and documented.
2. Tell the foreign national that this notification has been made and inform him/her without delay that he/she may communicate with his/her consular officers.
3. Forward any communication from the foreign national to his/her consular officers without delay.
4. Document all notifications to the embassy or consulate and retain the faxed notification and any fax confirmation for the inmate's file.

Members should never discuss anything with consulate personnel beyond the required notifications, such as whether the inmate is requesting asylum. Requests for asylum should be forwarded to the Watch Commander.

Inmate Rights - Protection from Abuse

605.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines to ensure that inmates are afforded a safe, healthful environment free from abuse, corporal punishment or harassment, and that inmate property is protected.

605.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office to make every reasonable effort to protect inmates from personal abuse, corporal punishment, personal injury, disease, property damage and harassment by other inmates or staff. Staff shall take reasonable actions to safeguard vulnerable inmates from others and shall use the classification policies and procedures to make housing decisions that will provide for inmate safety. Abuse of inmates by staff or other inmates will not be tolerated.

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall be responsible for including prohibitions against inmate abuse and harassment, rules regarding respect for the property of others, and the prevention of disease in the inmate handbook. All inmates shall be offered a copy of the inmate handbook during the booking process. The inmate also shall receive verbal instruction on inmate rights during orientation.

605.3 RESPONSIBILITY

It shall be the responsibility of all facility staff to adhere to policies, procedures and practices, and to make every reasonable effort to prevent inmate injury, harassment and abuse, to prevent theft or damage to inmate property and to eliminate conditions that promote disease. These procedures include, but are not limited to:

- Following the classification guidelines for inmate housing.
- Closely supervising inmate activities and interceding as needed to prevent violence, harassment or abuse of inmates.
- Using force only when it reasonably appears necessary given the facts and totality of the circumstances known to, or perceived by, the correctional deputy at the time of the event to accomplish a legitimate law enforcement purpose (Penal Code 835a)..
- Reporting all inmate injuries, investigating the cause of reported injuries and documenting these efforts in an incident report.
- Enforcing all rules and regulations in a fair and consistent manner.
- Preventing any practice of inmates conducting kangaroo courts or dispensing discipline toward any other inmate.
- Conducting required safety checks of all inmate housing areas.
- Checking all safety equipment for serviceability and making a report of any defective equipment to the appropriate supervisor or Jail Commander.

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- Referring sick or injured inmates to a qualified health care professional without unnecessary delay.
- Maintaining high standards of cleanliness throughout the correctional facility.
- Documenting all abuse protection efforts in facility logs and incident reports as applicable.

605.4 TRAINING

The Training Coordinator shall be responsible for developing and delivering a training curriculum on the topic of protecting inmates from abuse to all staff. A roster of attendees shall be maintained from each class. Training completion documents shall be filed in each employee's training file.

Grooming

607.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to allow inmates to have freedom in personal grooming, except when a legitimate government interest justifies the development of grooming standards that are based upon orders of the court, inmate classification, work status, safety and security, or health and hygiene.

607.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this facility to allow inmates freedom in personal grooming, except when a valid government interest justifies that grooming standards be established. The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall establish inmate grooming standards specific to inmate classification, work status, facility safety and security, or inmate health and hygiene. Any established standards should not unreasonably interfere with religious observances. Grooming standards should be identified in the inmate handbook.

607.3 HAIRCUTS

Inmates will be provided haircuts and hair-cutting tools subject to established facility rules. If hair length, style or condition presents a security or sanitation concern, haircuts may be mandatory. Inmates who significantly alter their appearance may be required to submit to additional booking photos.

Inmates shall not cut names, numbers or other designs into their hair.

607.3.1 HAIR CARE SERVICES

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall establish written procedures for inmate hair care services (15 CCR 1267(a)). The procedures will include schedules for hair care services and allow rescheduling for conflicts, such as court appearances.

Inmates shall generally be permitted to receive hair care services once per month after being in custody for at least 30 days. Staff may suspend access to hair care services if an inmate appears to be a danger to him/herself or others or to the safety and security of the facility.

607.4 SHAVING

Inmates may shave daily. Facial hair shall be clean and well groomed. Long beards may allow inmates to conceal weapons or contraband. Inmates may be required to trim facial hair if it poses a security or safety risk. Inmates may be required to submit to new booking photographs if their appearance is significantly altered due to facial hair. Inmates with facial hair who work around food shall wear appropriate facial coverings.

An inmate may be denied access to razors if he/she appears to be a danger to him/herself or others, or if such access may jeopardize the safety and security of the facility.

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Inmates may be restricted from significantly altering their appearance for reasons of identification in court (15 CCR 1267(b)).

607.5 NAILS

Nail clippers will be issued to inmates upon request. Inmate workers are required to keep their nails clean and trimmed. Inmates with long nails may be required to trim their nails if there is a security concern and the inmate is admitted to general population.

607.6 GROOMING EQUIPMENT

Controlled grooming equipment is to be inventoried and inspected by the staff at the beginning of each shift and prior to being issued to inmates. The staff shall ensure that all equipment is returned by the end of the shift and is not damaged or missing parts.

Grooming equipment will be disinfected before and after each use by the methods approved by the State Board of Barbering and Cosmetology to meet the requirements of (16 CCR 979; 16 CCR 980; 15 CCR 1267(c)). Cleaning methods include:

- Removing foreign matter.
- Cleaning tools with soap or detergent and water.
- Immersing non-electrical equipment in disinfectant.
- Spraying electrical equipment with disinfectant.
- Storing cleaned equipment in clear, covered containers that are labeled as such.

Disinfectant solution shall be changed at least once per week or whenever the solution is cloudy or dirty. Solution will be stored in covered containers with labeled instructions for its use and the Environmental Protection Agency registration number.

607.7 SHOWERING

Inmates shall be permitted to shower following intake prior to assignment to a housing unit, at least every other day thereafter and more often if practicable (15 CCR 1266).

607.8 PERSONAL CARE ITEMS

Inmates are expected to maintain their hygiene using approved personal care items. Personal care items, including disposable razors, toothbrushes, combs and soap, are available through the inmate commissary and will be charged to the inmate's account.

Indigent inmates shall receive cost free hygiene items necessary to maintain an appropriate level of personal hygiene.

No inmate will be denied the necessary personal care items. For sanitation and security reasons, personal care items shall not be shared (15 CCR 1265 et seq.).

Inmate Non-Discrimination

608.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The constitutional rights of inmates regarding discrimination are protected during incarceration. These protections extend to administrative decisions, e.g., classification, access to programs and the availability of services. This policy is intended to guide the staff toward nondiscriminatory administrative decisions and to detail an inmate complaint and discrimination investigation process.

608.2 POLICY

All decisions concerning inmates housed at this facility shall be based on reasonable criteria that support the health, safety, security and good order of the facility.

608.3 DISCRIMINATION PROHIBITED

Discriminating against an inmate based upon actual or perceived race, ethnicity, national origin, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, age, disability, pregnancy, genetic information, veteran status, marital status, and any other classification or status protected by law is prohibited.

Reasonable and comparable opportunities for participation in services and programs including vocational, educational, and religious programs shall be made available to inmates in a nondiscriminatory manner.

The Jail Commander should periodically conduct interviews with inmates and staff members to identify and resolve potential problem areas related to discrimination before they occur.

608.4 INMATES REPORTING DISCRIMINATION

Inmates who wish to report an allegation of discrimination may communicate with facility management in any way, including:

- (a) Confidential correspondence addressed to the Jail Commander or the Sheriff or other government official, including the courts or legal representative.
- (b) Verbally to any supervisor or other staff member of this facility.

608.4.1 HANDLING COMPLAINTS OF DISCRIMINATION

Staff shall promptly forward all written allegations of discrimination by inmates to the Watch Commander. If the allegation is presented verbally, the receiving staff member shall prepare an incident report identifying the circumstances prompting the allegation, the individuals involved, and any other pertinent information that would be useful to investigating the allegation.

Unless the complaint submitted by the inmate is clearly identified as confidential and addressed to the Jail Commander, Sheriff, or other official, the Watch Commander shall review the complaint and attempt to resolve the issue. In any case, the Watch Commander shall document the

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circumstances of the allegation and what actions, if any, were taken to investigate or resolve the complaint. All reports of alleged discrimination shall be forwarded to the Jail Commander for review and further investigation or administrative action as needed.

Administrative evaluations and response to allegations of discrimination shall be based upon objective criteria:

- (a) The inmate's classification
- (b) The inmate's criminal history
- (c) Current and past behavior and disciplinary history
- (d) Housing availability
- (e) The availability of programs
- (f) The ability to safely provide the requested services

608.5 DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT AUDITS

The Jail Commander should perform an annual audit of all inmate discrimination complaints to evaluate whether any policy or procedure changes or training are indicated. The Jail Commander should record these findings in a confidential memorandum to the Sheriff. Specific details of complaints and identifying information, such as names of the involved persons, dates, or times, are not part of this process and should not be included in the memorandum. If the audit identifies any recommended changes or content that may warrant a critical revision to this Custody Manual, the Jail Commander should promptly notify the Sheriff.

Any training issues identified as a result of this audit should be forwarded to the Training Coordinator, who shall be responsible for ensuring all necessary and required training is scheduled and completed.

Inmate Grievances

609.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a process by which inmates may file grievances and receive a formal review regarding the conditions of their confinement.

609.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office that any inmate may file a grievance relating to conditions of confinement, which includes release date, housing, medical care, food services, hygiene and sanitation needs, recreation opportunities, classification actions, disciplinary actions, program participation, telephone and mail use procedures, visiting procedures and allegations of sexual abuse (15 CCR 1073).

Grievances will not be accepted if they are challenging the rules and policies themselves, state or local laws, court decisions and probation/parole actions.

Retaliation for use of the grievance system is prohibited.

609.3 ACCESS TO THE GRIEVANCE SYSTEM

All inmates shall be provided with a grievance process for resolving complaints arising from facility matters with at least one level of appeal.

Inmates will receive information concerning the grievance procedure during the orientation process. Information will also be contained in the inmate handbook. Information regarding the grievance process will be provided to inmates in the language they understand.

The information will include (15 CCR 1073(a) and (b)):

- (a) A grievance form or instructions for registering a grievance.
- (b) Instructions for the resolution of the grievance at the lowest appropriate staff level.
- (c) The appeal process to the next level of review.
- (d) Written reasons for denial of a grievance at each level of review.
- (e) A provision of required timeframes for responses.
- (f) A provision for resolving questions of jurisdiction within the facility.
- (g) Consequences for abusing the grievance system.

609.4 INMATE GRIEVANCE PROCEDURES

Inmates shall exhaust the informal grievance process by submitting an Inmate Request Form describing his/her grievance prior to utilizing the formal grievance process. Staff shall attempt to informally resolve all grievances at the lowest level. All attempts to resolve a grievance shall be documented in the inmate's classification file. If there is no resolution at the informal level, the inmate may request a grievance form.

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The inmate should be advised to complete the form and return it to any staff member. A grievance should be filed by an inmate within 14 days of the complaint or issue.

Inmates cannot file a grievance on behalf of another inmate, but an inmate may assist another inmate in the preparation of a grievance. Custody staff may take reasonable steps to assist the inmate in the preparation of a grievance if requested.

Upon receiving a completed inmate grievance form, the staff member shall acknowledge receipt of the grievance by signing the form and giving a copy to the inmate. The staff member receiving the form shall immediately forward it to the Watch Commander .

609.4.1 EXCEPTION TO INITIAL GRIEVANCE FILING

Inmates may request to submit the grievance directly to a supervisor, or mail it directly to the Jail Commander, if they reasonably believe the issues to be grieved are sensitive or that their safety would be in jeopardy if the contents of the grievance were to become known to other inmates.

Inmates with limited access to mail privileges, who are in administrative separation units or are indigent, may place their potentially sensitive grievance in a sealed envelope labeled "Grievance" and deliver it to a staff member. These envelopes will be delivered directly to the Jail Commander and not forwarded to the United States Postal Service.

609.4.2 TIMELY RESOLUTION OF GRIEVANCES

Upon receiving a completed inmate grievance form, the supervisor shall ensure that the grievance is investigated and resolved or denied in a timely manner, as established by the Jail Commander. The supervisor shall assign the investigation of the grievance to the manager in charge of the department the inmate is grieving.

Grievances related to medical care should be investigated by the medical staff or the authorized designee. The findings of that investigation, along with any recommendations, shall be forwarded to the Administrative Lieutenant. Any appeals of the findings of the Administrative Lieutenant shall be forward to the Jail Commander as the final level of appeal.

Grievances about food-related matters should be investigated by the food services manager. The findings of that investigation, along with any recommendations, shall be forwarded to the Administrative Lieutenant. Any appeals of the Administrative Lieutenant's decision shall be forwarded to the Jail Commander as the final level of appeal.

Other grievances relating to programs or other services provided by the Office shall be investigated by the custody staff with the assistance of the program or services supervising employee in charge of those services. Findings relating to the investigation will be forwarded to the appropriate correctional lieutenant as second level of appeal. Any unresolved grievance appeals shall be forwarded to the Jail Commander as the final level of appeal.

609.4.3 APPEALS TO GRIEVANCE FINDINGS

Inmates may appeal the finding of a grievance to the Jail Commander as the final level of appeal. The Jail Commander will review the grievance and either confirm or deny it. If the Jail Commander

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confirms the grievance, he/she will initiate corrective actions. In either case, the inmate shall receive a written response to the appeal.

Appeals related to sexual abuse allegations shall be confirmed or denied by the Jail Commander within 10 calendar days.

609.4.4 RECORDING GRIEVANCES

The Jail Commander or designee will maintain a grievance log. The Administrative Sergeant shall record the grievance, along with its resolution status, on the grievance log. Periodic reviews of the log should be made by the Jail Commander or the authorized designee to ensure that grievances are being handled properly and in a timely manner. A copy of each grievance should be filed in the inmate's official record and maintained throughout the inmate's period of incarceration.

The original grievance should be retained in a file maintained by the Jail Commander or the authorized designee, and shall be retained in accordance with established records retention schedules.

609.4.5 FRIVOLOUS GRIEVANCES

Inmates shall use the grievance process only for legitimate problems or complaints. If there is concern that an inmate is abusing the grievance process, he/she shall be informed that continued behavior may result in disciplinary action.

609.5 GRIEVANCE AUDITS

The Jail Commander should perform an annual audit of all inmate grievances and complaints filed the previous calendar year. The Jail Commander should forward a memorandum to the Sheriff detailing the findings, including recommendations regarding any changes to policy or procedures or any additional training that might be warranted to reduce future complaints. Specific identifying information regarding dates, times or individuals named in the complaints is not part of this process and should not be included in the memorandum.

The Sheriff should evaluate the recommendations and ensure appropriate action is taken.

Any training issues identified as a result of this audit should be forwarded to the Training Coordinator, who will be responsible for ensuring all necessary and required training is scheduled and completed.

609.6 ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS FOR GRIEVANCES RELATED TO SEXUAL ABUSE

The following apply to grievances that relate to sexual abuse allegations (28 CFR 115.52; 15 CCR 1029):

- (a) Inmates may submit a grievance regarding an allegation of sexual abuse at any time.
- (b) Third parties, including fellow inmates, staff members, family members, attorneys, and outside advocates, are permitted to assist inmates in filing such grievances and to file such grievances on behalf of inmates if the inmate agrees to have the grievance filed on his/her behalf. Staff members who receive a grievance filed by a third party

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on behalf of an inmate shall inquire whether the inmate wishes to have the grievance processed and shall document the inmate's decision.

- (c) Grievances may be submitted to any staff member and need not be submitted to the member who is the subject of the complaint
- (d) Staff receiving a grievance shall forward the grievance to a supervisor or Watch Commander. Grievances shall not be forwarded to any supervisor who is the subject of the complaint. The supervisor receiving the grievance shall refer the grievance to the Watch Commander for investigation. Inmates and staff are not required to attempt to informally resolve grievances related to sexual abuse.
- (e) The Watch Commander shall ensure that grievances related to sexual abuse are investigated and resolved within 90 days of the initial filing. The Jail Commander may grant an extension of up to 70 days if reasonable to make an appropriate decision. If an extension is granted, the inmate shall be notified and provided a date by which a decision will be made.
- (f) At any level of the process, including the appeal, if the inmate does not receive a response within the allotted time, including any properly noticed extension, the inmate may consider the absence of a response to be a denial at that level.
- (g) Inmates may be disciplined for filing a false grievance related to alleged sexual abuse only when it is determined that the inmate filed the grievance in bad faith.

609.6.1 EMERGENCY GRIEVANCES RELATED TO SEXUAL ABUSE

Any inmate who believes he/she or any other inmate is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse may file an emergency grievance with any supervisor. The supervisor shall determine whether immediate action is reasonably necessary to protect the inmate and shall provide an initial response within 48 hours.

The supervisor shall refer the grievance to the Watch Commander, who will investigate and issue a final decision within five calendar days.

The initial response and final decision shall be documented and shall include a determination whether the inmate is in substantial risk of imminent sexual abuse and identify actions taken in response to the emergency grievance (28 CFR 115.52).

609.7 TRAINING

The Training Coordinator shall ensure that all custody staff receive initial and periodic training regarding all aspects of this policy. All training delivered should include testing to document that the employee understands the subject matter.

Inmate Voting

610.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes the requirement for providing eligible inmates the opportunity to vote during elections, pursuant to election statutes.

610.2 POLICY

Inmates who have not been convicted of a felony and are in custody during trial continue to have the right to vote. Except for individual inmates who have lost the right to vote, sentenced inmates also maintain this right. Because inmates are unable to access public voting polls, the Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall develop written procedures whereby the county registrar of voters allows qualified inmates to vote in local, state, and federal elections, pursuant to election codes (15 CCR 1071).

Inmates should be advised of voting methods during the inmate orientation.

610.3 VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Inmates maintain their right to vote while incarcerated if they are:

- (a) A citizen of the United States.
- (b) A resident of the county.
- (c) At least 18 years of age at the time of the next election.
- (d) Not been declared mentally incompetent by a court.
- (e) Awaiting or on trial for a criminal offense.
- (f) Serving time for a traffic or misdemeanor offense or as a condition of probation.
- (g) Not convicted of a felony offense and sentenced to serve time in a state prison.
- (h) Not on parole as a result of a felony conviction.

610.4 PROCEDURES

Prior to each election, the Jail Commander will designate a correctional employee to be a liaison between the Office and the local Registrar of Voters. The designated correctional employee will be responsible for assisting inmates who have requested to vote.

610.4.1 REGISTERING TO VOTE

An inmate who is eligible to vote and requests to register should complete a voter application. The application should be submitted to the liaison correctional employee, who will forward the application to the local election official.

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610.4.2 REQUESTING AN ABSENTEE BALLOT

An inmate who will be in custody during an election and requests to vote by absentee ballot should complete an application. The completed application should be submitted to the liaison correctional employee, who will forward the application to the local election official.

610.4.3 VOTING

All ballots received shall be delivered to inmates in a timely manner to ensure compliance with the inmate's right to vote. Once the ballot has been delivered to the inmate, it shall be the responsibility of the inmate to complete and return the ballot to the liaison correctional employee, who will forward the ballot to the local elections official.

Chapter 7 - Medical-Mental Health

Access to Health Care

701.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The provision of adequate health services in a custody setting is a constitutional right afforded to all inmates. The purpose of this policy is to provide custody personnel and qualified health care professionals with a process to inform newly booked inmates of the procedure to access health care services and how to use the grievance system, if necessary.

701.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office that all inmates, regardless of custody status or housing location, will have timely access to a qualified health care professional and receive a timely professional clinical judgment and appropriate treatment.

The Butte County Sheriff's Office facility will provide medical, dental, and mental health services as necessary to maintain the health and well-being of inmates to a reasonable and socially acceptable standard (15 CCR 1200 et seq.; 15 CCR 1208).

701.3 ACCESS TO CARE

Inmate medical requests will be evaluated by qualified health care professionals. Health care services will be made available to inmates from the time of admission until they are released. Information regarding how to contact the medical staff will be posted in all inmate housing areas (15 CCR 1200 et seq.; 15 CCR 1208). Medications and community health resources and referrals may be provided upon request when the inmate is released.

Unreasonable barriers shall not be placed on an inmate's ability to access health services. Health care that is necessary during the period of confinement shall be provided regardless of an inmate's ability to pay, the size of the facility, or the duration of the inmate's incarceration. Such unreasonable barriers include:

- Punishing inmates for seeking care for their health needs.
- Deterring inmates from seeking care for their health needs by scheduling sick call at unreasonable times.

All routine requests for medical attention shall be promptly routed to a qualified health care professional.

Any incident of an inmate refusing medical treatment or causing a disruption in the delivery of health care services shall be documented in an incident report. A copy of the incident report shall be forwarded to the Medical Program Manager and the Jail Commander.

701.4 HEALTH CARE GRIEVANCES

Custody personnel should authorize and encourage resolution of inmate complaints and requests on an informal basis whenever possible. To the extent practicable, custody personnel should provide inmates with opportunities to make suggestions to improve programs and conditions.

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Inmates will be informed of the grievance process during inmate orientation. The grievance process is also explained in the inmate handbook, which all inmates are offered and should have continued access to in their housing units. Grievances will be handled in accordance with the Inmate Grievances Policy (15 CCR 1073(a)).

Custody personnel should minimize technical requirements for grievances and allow inmates to initiate the grievance process by briefly describing the nature of the complaint and the remedy sought. For simple questions and answers regarding clinical issues, inmates may meet with a qualified health care professional or may submit a written correspondence.

Inmate grievances regarding health care issues will be investigated by an uninvolved member of the medical staff. If no such person is available or does not exist, an outside peer should be sought to investigate the grievance. The inmate should be provided with a written response in accordance with the schedule set forth in the Inmate Grievances Policy. Responses to inmate grievances should be based on the community standard of health care.

Copies of second level unresolved medical grievances and the facility's response shall be sent to the Jail Commander, who, in consultation with the Medical Program Manager or Responsible Physician, shall serve as the final authority in response to all inmate medical grievances.

701.5 POSTING AVAILABLE RESOURCES

A listing of telephone numbers for medical, dental, mental health and ambulance services shall be posted at the facility's medical area and/or be made available to the Watch Commander upon request.

Non-Emergency Health Care Requests and Services

702.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a daily triage system of inmate requests for health care services. This is to ensure that the health needs of the population are addressed properly and in a timely manner.

702.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office to provide daily access to qualified health care professionals in order for inmates to request medical services (15 CCR 1200). All health care requests (sick slips) will be documented, triaged, and referred appropriately by medical staff. Qualified health care professionals will conduct sick call and clinics for health care services on a scheduled basis to ensure a timely response to requests for medical services (15 CCR 1211).

The Responsible Physician, in coordination with the Jail Commander or the authorized designee, is responsible for developing a process that includes:

- (a) A process for inmates to request health services on a daily basis.
- (b) A priority system for health care services to acquire and address requests for routine health care, and for urgent or emergent injuries, illnesses, and conditions.
- (c) Making health care request forms available in each housing unit and to all inmates upon request.
- (d) A system in which health care requests are documented, triaged and referred appropriately.
- (e) Restrictions that prohibit non-health services personnel from diagnosing or treating an illness.

702.3 HEALTH CARE REQUESTS

During the collection of health care requests from inmates, care should be taken to protect the confidentiality of the inmate and the nature of the health issue. The collector shall date and initial the request when the collection takes place. The requests shall be triaged to determine the priority of need and the proper place for health care to be delivered.

Inmates will be instructed on how to obtain medical services during the inmate orientation process and in the inmate handbook. Inmates shall submit a medical request form to the nurse delivering medications.

Medical request forms should be available in languages representative of the population. Inmates who communicate in a language not available in printed form shall have access to interpreter services.

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Inmates with disabilities should be provided with appropriate assistance or accommodation to ensure they are able to request health care services.

The housing unit correctional deputy shall ensure the reason for seeking medical attention is on the medical request form. If no reason is given, the correctional deputy shall encourage the inmate to indicate whether the matter is urgent or confidential. The correctional deputy shall forward all requests to the correctional facility nurse.

702.4 TRIAGE OF HEALTH CARE REQUESTS

Qualified health care professionals shall perform a daily triage. Sick call shall be available to inmates at least five days a week (excluding holidays) and shall be performed by a qualified health care professional.

Other qualified health care professionals should schedule inmates in need of specialized treatment for the next available providers' clinic. The wait for the next available providers' clinic should not exceed two days. The qualified health care professional shall document the referral in the providers' scheduling book and on the inmate's medical record.

The frequency and duration of sick call should be sufficient to meet the needs of the inmate population but should be conducted at least weekly by a qualified health care professional. If an inmate's custody status precludes attendance at sick call, arrangements shall be made to provide sick call services in the place of the inmate's detention (15 CCR 1211).

702.5 GUIDELINES FOR ELECTIVE PROCEDURES OR SURGERY

The Responsible Physician and the Jail Commander shall work cooperatively to develop guidelines that govern elective procedures or surgery for inmates. The guidelines must include decision-making processes for elective procedures or surgery that is needed to correct a substantial functional deficit or an existing pathological process that threatens the well-being of the inmate over a period of time. Any discussion of this nature with the inmate should be conducted in a language easily understood by the inmate and should be carefully documented in the inmate's medical record. This record should be maintained in accordance with established records retention schedules.

702.6 REQUESTS FOR OUTSIDE MEDICAL CARE

Inmates who request access to health care services outside the facility may do so with advance authorization from the Jail Commander or the authorized designee. The inmate shall be required to provide proof of sufficient private funds available to pay for all costs associated with transportation to the off-site facility and all costs associated with the medical services, diagnostics, treatment plans, medications, or any other costs associated with off-site medical care.

Referrals and Coordination of Specialty Care

703.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a process for referring inmates who need health care or specialty care that is beyond the resources available in the facility. The policy includes guidelines regarding transportation under appropriate security provisions and the formulation of advance written agreements for around the clock or on-call availability of alternate services. Specialty care includes specialist-provided health care, such as nephrology, surgery, dermatology, and orthopedics.

703.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office that inmates have access to necessary hospitalization and specialty services for serious medical needs. This facility will provide, either directly or through contracted sources, specialty care and emergency medical services to inmates when the need is determined by the Responsible Physician (15 CCR 1206(b); 15 CCR 1206(c)).

703.3 JAIL COMMANDER RESPONSIBILITY

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee, in coordination with the Responsible Physician, is responsible for establishing written agreements with outside specialty health care services for emergency and urgent care that is not available within the facility. In addition, a plan shall be developed for the secure transportation of inmates to a facility where such care is available.

703.4 REFERRAL TO OFF-SITE MEDICAL CARE

A qualified health care professional shall evaluate the inmate, and if indicated, shall recommend specialty appointments in writing on the order sheet in the inmate's medical record. A referral form should be completed, and any supporting documentation attached. The written referral shall be reviewed and authorized, if appropriate, by the Responsible Physician.

A court order is generally required when an inmate requires medical or surgical treatment necessitating hospitalization (see Consent Decree). A court order is not required for an inmate in need of immediate medical or hospital care, but the court should be made aware of the inmate's need for continued hospitalization as soon as practicable when the inmate's condition requires him/her to be gone from the facility more than 48 hours (Penal Code § 4011.5).

703.5 OFF-SITE COORDINATION

The qualified health care professional is responsible for recommending off-site medical and psychiatric care for inmates, coordinating outside appointments, and notifying supervisory custody staff of off-site transportation needs. The Jail Commander should establish a written transportation procedure that ensures inmates are transported securely and in a timely manner for medical, mental health, dental clinic, or other specialty appointments. The procedure shall include the secure transfer of medical information to the receiving health care service.

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Any conflicts that arise regarding off-site consultation trips will be communicated by the correctional deputy responsible for transportation to the Medical Program Manager or Responsible Physician and the Jail Commander or the authorized designee so that modifications may be made.

The correctional facility supervisor shall keep a log of missed appointments to determine if transportation issues are impeding the ability of inmates to access appropriate medical care. Any issues identified shall be discussed and resolved between the Medical Program Manager, Responsible Physician, and the Jail Commander (15 CCR 1206(c); 15 CCR 1206(n)).

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704.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish plans and procedures for responding to medical emergencies in the facility when the level of medical or mental health services exceeds the licensure or certification of staff who are on-duty, and to define staff training requirements.

704.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office that emergency medical, mental health and dental services are available 24 hours a day. These services may include off-site health care services.

704.3 PROCEDURES

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall work cooperatively with the Medical Program Manager and Responsible Physician to develop plans and procedures for responding to emergency medical incidents that occur when the level of medical or mental health services needed exceeds the licensure or certification of staff who are on-duty. The plans should include: on-site emergency first aid, basic life support and crisis intervention; emergency evacuation of an inmate from the facility, including security procedures to ensure an immediate transfer when appropriate; on-call physicians, dentists and mental health professionals; predetermined back-up health care services when the emergency health facility is not located in a nearby community; and the identification of primary, secondary and tertiary acute care facilities.

The plan may additionally include, but is not limited to, these components:

- (a) Health-trained staff shall respond to all emergencies immediately upon notification.
- (b) Contact information for emergency on-call health care services, both on- and off-site, is available and accessible for facility supervisors.
- (c) Qualified health care professionals shall respond by reporting to the area of the emergency with the necessary emergency equipment and supplies.
- (d) Emergency equipment and supplies are regularly maintained and accessible to the qualified health care professionals and health-trained custody staff.
- (e) Most inmates will be stabilized on-site and then transferred to an appropriate health care unit, if necessary.
- (f) Notification of on-call physicians and mental health staff will be done as soon as the situation reasonably allows.
- (g) The qualified health care professionals will determine if the inmate needs to be transported to a local emergency room for treatment.
- (h) When necessary, facility staff shall activate 9-1-1 and notify a supervisor as soon as reasonably practicable.

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- (i) The Jail Commander and the Responsible Physician will coordinate on the notification of the inmate's next of kin in cases of serious illness and injury. Death notifications will be made in accordance with Butte County Sheriff's Office policy.
- (j) Procedures to implement a program wherein staff may possess and administer epinephrine medication according to Health and Safety Code § 1797.197a and 22 CCR 100019, including the retention of related records pursuant to Business and Professions Code § 4119.4.
- (k) Identifying when the court needs to be notified of transporting prisoners outside the facility for hospitalization and the processes for doing so (Penal Code § 4011.5).
- (l) Identifying who is responsible for notifying the court when an inmate is expected to be gone from the facility more than 48 hours for medical or surgical treatment necessitating hospitalization (Penal Code § 4011.5).

The goal of any emergency medical response plan is to provide emergency medical care to those in need as expeditiously as possible. While facility size and patient proximity to the health care service will vary, staff training will emphasize responding to medical emergencies as soon as reasonably possible.

704.4 EMERGENCY PROCEDURES

The health services administrator or the authorized designee is responsible for ensuring the following information, equipment and personnel are available in the event an inmate requires emergency treatment (15 CCR 1206(c)):

- (a) A current list of names, addresses and telephone numbers of all persons and agencies to be notified in an emergency. The list should be available to all health care and custody staff at all times and should be updated quarterly.
- (b) Emergency drugs, equipment and supplies should be readily available at all times and replenished after each use. An inventory control system should be in use to ensure the necessary supplies are present when needed and have not expired.
- (c) A physician, dentist and mental health professional should be available on-call 24 hours a day, seven days a week (this can include off-site health care services) and there should be a back-up health care services plan.
- (d) Ambulances should be accessed through the facility staff or by calling the appropriate emergency number. There should be a clear security plan in place for the transportation of inmates.
- (e) The Watch Commander will be contacted and informed of any emergency as soon as practicable.
- (f) All decisions regarding medical treatment and the need for emergency transportation are to be made by the qualified health care professionals or health-trained custody staff.
- (g) Whenever reasonably possible, the on-call health care service should be notified prior to transporting the inmate to the hospital or other emergency care. However, in the event of a life- or limb-threatening emergency, the inmate shall be sent to the hospital

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in the most expedient way possible, which may require notifying the specific health care service after the inmate has been transported.

704.5 FIRST-AID KITS

The Responsible Physician or the authorized designee is responsible for determining the contents, number, location, and procedures for monthly inspections of all first-aid kits in the facility. The Responsible Physician shall also ensure that (15 CCR 1220):

- (a) The contents of each first-aid kit are:
 - 1. Approved by the Responsible Physician.
 - 2. Appropriate for its location.
 - 3. Arranged for quick use.
 - 4. Documented on the outside cover.
 - 5. Inventoried every month.

704.6 TRAINING

The Medical Program Manager shall ensure that all qualified health care professionals are trained in the delivery of emergency medical services in the custody environment during new employee orientation.

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall ensure that all facility staff members who have contact with inmates receive first-aid and basic life support training, and that annual refresher training is conducted for the facility staff. Training should include, but not be limited to:

- (a) The location of all emergency medical equipment and the proper use of the equipment, such as AEDs.
- (b) How to properly summon internal and external emergency services.
- (c) Recognition of basic life support signs and symptoms and the actions required in emergency situations.
- (d) Administration of basic first aid.
- (e) Certification in CPR in accordance with the recommendations of the certifying health organization.
- (f) Recognition of the signs and symptoms of mental illness, violent behavior and acute chemical intoxication and withdrawal.
- (g) Procedures for inmate transfers to appropriate medical facilities or health care service.
- (h) Suicide recognition, prevention, and intervention techniques.

All records of the training provided, testing procedures and the results, and certificates achieved shall be maintained in each qualified health care professional's training file in accordance with established records retention schedules. The Responsible Physician or authorized designee

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should be bound by similar requirements in the contractual language between the Office and the vendor.

704.7 AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATORS (AED)

The Responsible Physician or the authorized designee is responsible for ensuring that an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is available in the facility and that all staff members are trained in its use. The AEDs shall be inspected and tested at a frequency consistent with the manufacturer's recommendations to ensure functionality.

Health Care for Pregnant Inmates

705.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish prenatal and postpartum health care services for inmates who are pregnant. Services may include assistance recovering from the effects of potentially unhealthy lifestyles, which could include tobacco use, alcohol and drug abuse or addiction, and a lack of previous adequate medical care. Because of unhealthy lifestyle choices prior to incarceration, many inmate pregnancies are classified as high-risk. This policy is intended to protect the health of the pregnant inmate and her fetus.

705.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office that a qualified health care professional should provide comprehensive prenatal and postpartum care for all pregnant inmates during their incarceration, which includes but is not limited to the following:

- Pregnancy testing
- Prenatal care, both routine and high-risk if needed
- Management of drug or alcohol addicted pregnant inmates
- Comprehensive counseling and assistance services
- Nutrition modification for term of pregnancy and lactation
- Birthing in an appropriate setting
- Postpartum care
- Family planning education and services
- Access to privately funded pregnancy alternative options

A qualified health care professional shall provide counseling and information to pregnant inmates regarding planning for their unborn child (15 CCR 1206(f); Penal Code § 4023.5).

705.2.1 ADVISEMENT AND COUNSELING

Inmates who are pregnant shall be advised of the provisions of this policy manual, the Penal Code, and standards established by Board of State and Community Corrections related to pregnant inmates (Penal Code § 3407(e); 15 CCR 1058.5).

705.3 BOOKING - PREGNANCY SCREENING

When booking a female inmate, the following steps shall be taken:

- (a) All females shall be asked if they are pregnant. If the inmate states she is pregnant, a confirming urine test should be performed within 48 hours and documented in the medical record.
- (b) Pregnant inmates who appear to be under the influence of or withdrawing from alcohol or other substances shall be referred to a qualified health care professional.

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- (c) The Responsible Physician, in collaboration with facility staff, shall ensure the appropriate clinic visits are scheduled.
- (d) A medical record should be opened with a notation indicating pregnancy.
- (e) The inmate should be interviewed by a qualified health care professional for the following information, which should be written in the medical record:
 - 1. Last menstrual period (LMP)
 - 2. Estimated date of conception (EDC)
 - 3. Estimated due date (40 weeks from EDC)
 - 4. Number of pregnancies (Gravidity)
 - 5. Number of live births (Parity)
 - 6. Therapeutic abortions (TAB)
 - 7. Spontaneous abortions (SAB), aka miscarriages
 - 8. Prenatal care history
 - 9. Current medications
 - 10. Any current adverse symptoms: vaginal bleeding or discharge, abdominal cramping, or pain (if yes, notify on-site or on-call physician)
 - 11. High-risk factors if known: drug or alcohol use/abuse, smoking, previous pregnancy problems, other medical problems (cardiac, seizures, diabetes/DM, hypertension/HTN)
 - 12. If recent heroin or methadone use is identified, notify the on-site or on-call physician for orders.
- (f) Each pregnant inmate should have:
 - 1. A completed medical recommendation form for a low bunk assignment, in a lower tier, with no waist chains, as appropriate.
 - 2. A completed special diet form ordering a pregnant diet.
 - 3. Prenatal vitamins prescribed at one per day for the duration of the pregnancy.
 - 4. An appointment at the next available obstetric clinic if the inmate is 10 or more weeks gestation.

705.4 HOUSING

Inmates who are known to be pregnant may be housed in any unit appropriate for their classification, with the following exception:

- (a) Housing in a medical cell shall be by order of the obstetric specialist or the Responsible Physician.

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705.5 COUNSELING AND TREATMENT

The Office will provide all necessary counseling and treatment to pregnant inmates to ensure they are receiving the proper care. To accomplish this, the following shall occur:

- (a) The directions of the obstetric specialist shall be followed throughout the pregnancy and postnatal period. No non-medical staff has the unilateral authority to change or overrule an order or care recommendation made by the Responsible Physician. The Jail Commander and Responsible Physician shall develop a process by which perceived conflicts between medical orders/recommendations and safety and security interests of the correctional facility can be discussed and resolved. Ultimately, the correctional facility must provide adequate treatment for an inmate's medical needs.
- (b) The Responsible Physician shall be consulted immediately if a patient is under 10 weeks gestation and has medical concerns.
- (c) Any pregnant inmate with medical problems that occur between scheduled obstetric appointments shall be seen by a qualified health care professional. If the qualified health care professional assesses the problem as urgent and a physician is not available on-site, the inmate shall be sent to the hospital for evaluation.
- (d) The inmate shall be advised to notify health-trained custody staff immediately of the following:
 - 1. Vaginal bleeding
 - 2. Acute, persistent abdominal or pelvic pain and/or severe cramping
 - 3. Leaking fluid
 - 4. Decreased or no fetal movement
 - 5. Headache or blurred vision
 - 6. Rapid weight gain with swelling (edema)
 - 7. Abnormal vaginal discharge
 - 8. Symptoms of a urinary tract infection (UTI)
 - 9. Fever
- (e) Postpartum examinations and additional appointments shall be scheduled by the obstetric clinic as needed.
- (f) Any female prisoner shall have the right to summon and receive the services of any physician and surgeon of her choice in order to determine whether she is pregnant. The Jail Commander may develop reasonable rules and regulations governing the conduct of such examinations. If found to be pregnant, the prisoner is entitled to determine the extent of medical services needed, from providers with valid license to practice medicine, as long as she is able to pay for the expense of the private services. The rights provided in this section shall be conspicuously posted in at least one place to which all female prisoners have access (Penal Code § 4023.6).

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705.6 RESTRAINTS

Inmates who are known to be pregnant or who are in labor shall not be placed in restraints except as provided in the Use of Restraints Policy.

705.6.1 REQUIRED PROCEDURES

The health authority shall, in cooperation with the Jail Commander, develop procedures in conformance with Penal Code § 3407 for the application and removal of restraints on pregnant inmates. The procedures shall be reviewed and updated at least every two years (15 CCR 1206).

705.7 ABORTIONS

Inmates who wish to terminate their pregnancy shall be referred to outside counseling services for further information regarding available options. The Office shall not impede the woman's access to abortion counseling or services and shall provide necessary transportation and supervision to such services. Any financial obligations will be the responsibility of the inmate. These rights will be posted in all areas that house female inmates (Penal Code § 4028).

Health Authority

706.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the responsibility of the health authority as arranging for all levels of health services, assuring the quality of all health services, identifying lines of medical authority for the inmate health program, and assuring that inmates have access to all health services.

The policy also establishes properly monitored processes, policies, procedures, and mechanisms to ensure that the contracted scope of services is adequately and efficiently delivered.

The health authority is defined as the Responsible Physician, health services administrator, or health agency responsible for providing all health care services or coordinating the delivery of all health care services (see the Health Care Administrative Meetings and Reports Policy).

706.2 POLICY

The health authority is responsible and accountable for all levels of health care and has the final authority regarding clinical issues within this correctional facility. The health authority is responsible for establishing, implementing, and annually reviewing/revising policies for all clinical aspects of the health care program and for monitoring the appropriateness, timeliness and responsiveness of care and treatment. The health authority also approves all medical decisions and protocols.

706.3 SELECTION PROCESS

The Sheriff or the authorized designee shall select a health authority using an existing office procurement or selection process. The individual or organization selected shall be designated as the health authority for inmate health care on behalf of the facility.

Aside from any monetary or term considerations, the contract between the Office, and the selected individual or organization shall minimally include:

- (a) Language establishing the scope of services being contracted and the type of health care service needed.
- (b) Job descriptions, minimum qualifications, and performance expectations for contract personnel.
- (c) Language requiring the contractor to develop appropriate measures and review processes for assessing the quality, effectiveness, and timeliness of the services provided and periodically reporting those findings to the facility.
- (d) Identification of a Responsible Physician, who shall serve as the medical authority on treatment matters requiring medical expertise and judgment.
- (e) Language regarding the minimum frequency that the health authority shall be present at the facility.

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- (f) The roles and responsibilities of staff in ensuring that the contractor may adequately deliver services in a safe and secure environment.
- (g) A written plan for coordinating medical care from multiple health care services.
- (h) A written plan for the collection and maintenance of inmate health records that is compliant with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA).
- (i) Identification of a dispute resolution process for the contracted parties and for inmates who may be questioning treatment plans.
- (j) Language and a plan addressing liability and indemnification for issues related to inmate health care.

The health authority shall be authorized and responsible for making decisions about the deployment of health resources and the day-to-day operation of the health services program. If the health authority is other than a physician, any final clinical judgments shall rest with a single, designated, Responsible Physician.

The health authority or the authorized designee will meet at least monthly with custody representatives to discuss the health care program and any issues that require correction or adjustment.

Security regulations are applicable to facility staff and health care personnel (15 CCR 1200(a)).

706.4 PROVISION OF HEALTH CARE

The health authority is responsible for arranging the availability of health care services. The qualified health care professionals should determine what medical services are needed on a case-by-case basis. The Jail Commander shall provide the administrative support for making the health care services available to inmates. Clinical decisions are the sole province of qualified health care professionals and should not be countermanded by non-health care professionals.

If routine health services are provided by medical personnel outside this facility, all office policies regarding treatment, transfer, transportation, or referral of emergencies shall be followed.

The health authority is responsible for ensuring that the health services manual complies with all applicable state and federal law and that a review and update is conducted annually.

An annual audit of the quality and adequacy of health care services shall be done, with corrective action taken when deficiencies are identified (15 CCR 1202).

706.5 LACTATION PROGRAM

The health authority, in cooperation with the Jail Commander, shall develop a program with written procedures for lactating inmates to express breast milk for feeding their infants or toddlers, cessation of lactation or weaning, and for maintaining their breast milk supply pending delivery to an approved person or the inmate's release (Penal Code § 4002.5).

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The health authority should ensure that the policy is posted in all locations where medical care is provided and is communicated to members who interact with or oversee pregnant or lactating inmates (Penal Code § 4002.5).

Health Appraisals

707.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the process for conducting health appraisals on all inmates following their arrival at this facility and for the continuity of care for inmates who remain in custody for extended periods. Further, it is to ensure the inmate's health care needs are met and that health care started at one facility continues as needed.

707.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office that all inmates will receive a comprehensive health appraisal within 14 days of incarceration unless there is documented evidence that the inmate has received a health appraisal within the previous 90 days. In addition to the initial health appraisal, the inmate should have an annual evaluation to reassess his/her health status and to provide access to preventive medicine through education and lifestyle programs.

707.3 INITIAL HEALTH APPRAISAL

- (a) Qualified health care professionals shall have access to the daily inmate roster. From this, they can determine who needs a health appraisal and hands-on physical evaluation. The health appraisal should include:
 1. A review of earlier medical screening information.
 2. Administration of a skin test for tuberculosis (TB).
 3. Recording of height and weight.
 4. Recording of vital signs (blood pressure, pulse, respiration rate, and temperature).
 5. Ordering other tests or examinations as appropriate.
 6. The collection of any additional data needed to complete medical, dental, psychiatric, and immunization histories.
- (b) Inmates shall be scheduled for a hands-on physical evaluation by a qualified health care professional within 48 hours of arrival at the correctional facility. The evaluation shall include:
 1. Review of the medical screening.
 2. Review of the health history questionnaire.
 3. Review of all vital signs and TB skin test results.
 4. A medical examination, including a review of mental and dental status.
 5. Initiation of treatment or therapy, as appropriate.
 6. Development and implementation of a treatment plan, including recommendations for housing, job assignment, and program participation.

The Responsible Physician shall review and authorize all health appraisals within 72 hours.

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707.3.1 PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA) SCREENING FOLLOW-UP

Inmates who have an identified history of sexual victimization shall be offered a follow-up meeting with a qualified health care or mental health provider within 14 days of intake screening (28 CFR 115.81).

707.4 ANNUAL HEALTH EXAMINATIONS

The Responsible Physician will determine the criteria for periodic health examinations for inmates. Inmates should be scheduled for an annual health examination within 14 days of the inmate's annual incarceration anniversary (15 CCR 1208.5). The examination should include:

- A review of current vital signs and weight.
- A TB skin test and review of the results.
- An evaluation of any health-related issues arising since the last health evaluation.
- Initiation of treatment, as appropriate.
- Any updates to the inmate treatment plan.
- Any other specific components determined by the Responsible Physician based on the age, gender, and health of the inmate (15 CCR 1208.5).

All inmates should also be examined prior to release to protect both the inmate and the public.

Healthy Lifestyle Promotion

708.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to affirm the Office's commitment to promote healthy lifestyle choices by inmates by providing health education and inmate self-care learning opportunities that include video presentations and brochures and pamphlets.

708.2 POLICY

This office will encourage inmates to maintain a healthy lifestyle by providing health education and wellness information.

708.3 HEALTH CARE ENCOUNTERS

During health care encounters, the qualified health care professionals should instruct inmates at the time service is rendered on how to avoid preventable diseases, such as athlete's foot, flu and the common cold, tooth decay and sexually transmitted diseases. Such instruction should be documented in the health record. Documentation should include the topics discussed, the written materials provided, if any, and that the inmate acknowledged an understanding of the information.

Informative brochures from various health organizations should also be available to inmates in the medical unit.

Following are examples of appropriate topics for inmate education:

- Access to health care services
- Dangers of self-medication
- Personal hygiene and dental care
- Prevention of communicable diseases
- Education, smoking cessation
- Family planning
- Self-care for chronic conditions
- Self-examination for health concerns
- The benefits of physical fitness
- Chronic diseases and disabilities
- Counseling in preparation for release
- Domestic violence
- Medications
- Nutrition

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- Sexually transmitted diseases
- Substance abuse
- Tuberculosis

708.4 GENERAL HEALTH PROMOTION INFORMATION

Transfer Screening

709.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy recognizes that inmates are frequently transferred within the correctional authority's system and to facilities outside the system. This policy establishes a process for medical screening of transferred inmates to ensure continuation of care and to avoid unnecessary diagnostics.

709.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office that inmates who are transferred to another correctional facility, correctional system or health care facility will be screened prior to transfer to ensure that the receiving facility can assume and continue proper care. Medical needs of the inmate will be clearly communicated to the receiving facility, including the ongoing treatment plan, scheduled surgeries and outside appointments.

Inmates who are transferred to other facilities shall be sent with a discharge summary that includes information about the inmate's medical and mental health condition, the current treatment plan and any medications, if needed (15 CCR 1206(n)).

709.3 TRANSFERS

Any inmate being transferred to another correctional or health care facility will be medically screened prior to transfer as described below.

The medical screening should include:

- (a) A determination of whether the inmate is being treated for a medical, mental health or dental problem.
- (b) A determination of whether the inmate has any apparent, current medical, mental health or dental needs or complaints.
- (c) What medication, if any, the inmate is presently prescribed.
- (d) Whether the inmate has any evidence of abuse or trauma.
- (e) Whether the inmate has any physical deformities or special daily living assistance needs.
- (f) The inmate's classification and clearance status (i.e., general population, segregation).
- (g) Whether the inmate has any pending follow-up appointments or requirements.

Completed discharge summaries, including the medical screening results, shall accompany inmates being transferred to another office's jurisdiction to ensure that the receiving health care service can assume and continue necessary care. A release of information authorization is not required.

- Current health conditions

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- Current treatments and medications
- Upcoming appointments and diagnostic studies
- Allergies
- Copies of any health information that is critical to continuity of care

If the receiving facility requests a copy of the medical record, it will be supplied within five working days.

The discharge summary and any related medical records being transferred shall be placed in a file or envelope that maintains the confidentiality of the inmate's medical information. The transporting personnel shall be provided separate written instructions regarding medication or health interventions, including necessary precautions that are required en route.

709.3.1 EXTENDED TRANSPORTATION OF INMATES

When an inmate will be in transfer status for several days and housed temporarily at various custody facilities along the way, a medical transfer packet shall be prepared by the qualified health care professional in a form that will advise the temporary housing facilities of any medical needs of the inmate. When medically appropriate, a small supply of medication should be provided with the medical transfer packet so it will be available to the temporary housing facility as needed.

709.4 RECEIVING TRANSFERRED INMATES

When an inmate being transferred to this facility arrives without a full and comprehensive medical transfer packet from another facility, the inmate shall be medically screened and receive a comprehensive health appraisal in accordance with the Medical Screening Policy and Health Appraisals Policy. The medical department of the sending facility should be promptly contacted to determine if the transferred inmate has any medical needs that require immediate attention or any scheduled surgeries or appointments with community health care services. Arrangements should then be made with the sending facility for the delivery of a more detailed review of the inmate's medical needs.

Medical Screening

710.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a medical screening process for newly booked inmates so that medical, mental health and dental issues are properly identified and addressed, and to obtain a medical clearance when necessary.

710.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office that a medical screening be performed on all inmates upon arrival at the intake area to ensure that existing, emergent and urgent health care, dental or mental health needs are identified, risks are assessed and inmates with contagious and communicable diseases are properly classified and housed for their health and the health of the general population (15 CCR 1051; 15 CCR 1206.5(a); 15 CCR 1207).

710.3 ELEMENTS OF MEDICAL SCREENING

The medical screening shall be performed by health services personnel. A review of any positive finding shall be performed by a qualified health care professional.

Regardless of training, no inmate should be allowed to conduct health care evaluations or provide treatment to any other inmate.

All inmates shall complete a medical screening as part of the booking process. If an arrestee refuses to cooperate with the medical screening, the screener will complete as much of the health assessment as reasonably possible and the arrestee will be closely observed until he/she cooperates with the remainder of the screening process.

The Responsible Physician should work cooperatively with the Jail Commander to develop the medical screening forms, which should be applicable for general health, mental health and suicide screening purposes. The forms should be completed no later than 24 hours after the arrival of an inmate but prior to an inmate being housed in the general population. All medical screening forms shall be forwarded to the medical unit and the qualified health care professionals shall be alerted to those that need priority attention.

710.3.1 MEDICAL SCREENING INQUIRY

The medical screening inquiry should include a review of the inmate's prior correctional facility medical record, if any, and document the following:

- History of infectious or communicable diseases that are considered serious in nature; current treatment, symptoms, medications, chronic illness, or health issues, including communicable diseases, or special health requirements and/or dietary needs (15 CCR 1051)
- Acute dental problems

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- Past and recent serious communicable disease symptoms (e.g., chronic cough, coughing up bloody sputum, lethargy, weakness, weight loss, loss of appetite, fever, night sweats) (15 CCR 1051)
- Mental illness, including psychiatric hospitalizations within the last three months
- Gender issues
- History of or current suicidal ideation
- Acute allergies
- History of or current prescription or illegal drug use, including the time of last use
- History or current symptoms of substance abuse withdrawal
- Current, recent, or suspected pregnancy; any history of gynecological problems and present use and method of birth control
- Appearance or history of developmental disability, body deformities, or other physical abnormalities
- Females who have given birth in the past year and are charged with murder or attempted murder of their infants shall be referred to mental health services at the time of booking (15 CCR 1207.5)
- Any other health issues as identified by the Responsible Physician

Qualified health care professionals should assist in developing specific mental health medical screening questions and should provide training in analyzing inmate responses. The Responsible Physician should establish the role of the qualified health care professional in the medical screening process.

Should the medical screening identify a need for a more comprehensive medical assessment of the inmate, a qualified health care professional should initiate appropriate follow-up action, which may include transporting the inmate to an off-site medical facility.

710.3.2 MEDICAL SCREENING OBSERVATION

The staff member completing the medical screening observation shall document the following observations:

- Appearance (e.g., sweating, tremors, anxious, disheveled)
- Behavior (e.g., disorderly, appropriate, insensible)
- State of consciousness (AVPU):
 - Alert - spontaneously responsive
 - Verbal - requires verbal stimulation to respond
 - Pain - requires painful stimulation to respond
 - Unresponsive - does not respond
- Ease of movement (e.g., body deformities, gait)

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- Breathing (e.g., persistent cough, hyperventilation)
- Skin (e.g., lesions, jaundice, rashes, infestations, bruises, scars, recent tattoos, needle marks or other indications of drug abuse)
- Any other observable health symptoms

The Jail Commander and the Responsible Physician should develop a procedure through which it can be reliably determined what prescription medications the inmate is taking and the medical urgency for continuing those medications without interruption.

710.3.3 DOCUMENTATION

Written documentation of the medical screening should include the name of the screener, the date and time and the following information:

- Immediate or scheduled referral to a medical, dental or mental health professional
- Guidance regarding housing placement, including disciplinary detention if necessary (15 CCR 1051)
- Guidance regarding activity limitations and work assignment
- The inmate's responses to questions asked by the interviewer
- Other individualized observations and recommendations

The initial medical screening should become part of the inmate's medical record and should be retained in accordance with established records retention schedules.

710.4 MEDICAL SCREENING DISPOSITIONS

Persons who are brought to the facility and are obviously in need of immediate medical attention shall be referred to an emergency medical facility for clearance. Conditions that require a medical clearance prior to booking include but are not limited to the following:

- Unconsciousness
- Uncontrolled bleeding
- Significant injuries from a motor vehicle accident
- Significant injuries from an altercation
- Significant injuries from handcuffs or other restraint devices
- Knife wounds, gunshot wounds, or lacerations
- Exposure to pepper spray, TASER® device deployment, or blunt force trauma during arrest
- Intoxication to a degree that the individual cannot speak coherently or stand or walk unaided
- Recent drug overdose
- Suspected or known complications of pregnancy

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- Active seizures
- Suspected or known complications of diabetes
- Exhibits extreme behavior indicating a potential danger to themselves or others
- Active tuberculosis or other serious contagious diseases
- Actively suicidal (Defined as: attempt(s) prior to current arrest, during transport or upon arrival)
- Any other medical condition, which, in the opinion of the booking personnel, should be urgently referred for evaluation by medically trained personnel

Inmates with these medical conditions are not suitable for admission to the facility until medically cleared by a qualified health care professional. This office requires medical clearance from an outside entity when such inmates are identified.

Medical clearance documentation shall include the medical diagnosis, treatment received at the emergency medical facility, any medications prescribed, any ongoing medical requirements, and any follow-up medical care that may be indicated before the arrestee is accepted for booking.

The Jail Commander is responsible for notifying local police agencies and medical facilities of the correctional facility admission refusal policy and the required clearance documentation.

Based upon the information obtained during the screening process, the medical classification disposition of the inmate shall be one of the following:

- General population or other appropriate cell assignment
- General population or other appropriate cell assignment and timely referral to appropriate health care services
- Immediate referral to health care services prior to housing

710.5 HEALTH APPRAISAL

Generally, a comprehensive health appraisal should occur within 14 days of booking (see the Health Appraisals Policy). However, when it is appropriate and based on an inmate's health condition, an early health appraisal should be recommended. An inmate may also be cleared for housing in general population with a prompt referral to the appropriate health care services when it is in accordance with the inmate's overall classification. Upon the identification of a mentally disordered inmate, a medical or mental health staff opinion will be secured within 24 hours, or next sick call, whichever is earliest (15 CCR 1052).

710.5.1 MEMBERS CONDUCTING HEALTH APPRAISALS

Medical screening should be completed by licensed health personnel, with documentation of staff training regarding site-specific forms with appropriate disposition based on responses to questions and observations made at the time of screening (15 CCR 1207).

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710.5.2 TELEHEALTH

Telehealth may be incorporated into procedures used to identify and evaluate inmates who have a mental disorder (15 CCR 1052).

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711.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that all inmates have access to mental health services and that inmates identified as needing these services are referred appropriately.

711.1.1 DEFINITION

Definitions related to this policy include:

Mental health services - A variety of psycho-social and pharmacological therapies, either individual or group, including biological, psychological and social therapies to alleviate symptoms, attain appropriate functioning and prevent relapse.

711.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office that a range of mental health services shall be available for any inmate who requires them (15 CCR 1206(g); 15 CCR 1207; 15 CCR 1209).

711.3 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Jail Commander should collaborate with the local public and private organizations that offer mental health services, treatment, and care to those inmates in need of such services.

In coordination with the health authority, Responsible Physician, and Jail Commander, such services shall include but are not limited to (15 CCR 1209):

- Identification and referral of inmates with mental health needs.
- Mental health treatment programs provided by qualified staff, including the use of telehealth.
- Crisis intervention.
- Basic mental health service provided to inmates as clinically indicated.
- Medication support services.
- Suicide prevention.
- Referral, transportation, and admission to licensed mental health facilities for inmates whose psychiatric needs exceed the treatment or housing capability of the facility (Penal Code § 4011.6; Penal Code § 4011.8).
- Provision of health services sufficiently coordinated such that care is appropriately integrated, medical and mental health needs are met, and the impact of any of these conditions on each other is adequately addressed.
- Obtaining and documenting informed consent.
- Release planning services.

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711.4 BASIC MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Inmates may be referred to a qualified health care professional through a variety of methods, which include the medical screening process, the mental health appraisal process and self-referral or staff referral. Qualified health care professionals should respond to all referrals in a timely manner and initiate the appropriate treatment services.

- (a) If the inmate has received previous mental health treatment, the inmate should be asked to complete a release of information form so his/her treatment records can be obtained.
- (b) Inmates who have been determined to be in need of ongoing mental health services after their release from this facility should be provided with information about community mental health treatment resources. Arrangements for more comprehensive mental health care may be made, if appropriate.
- (c) Inmates who are identified as being developmentally disabled should be evaluated for special housing needs. The qualified health care professional should work in cooperation with classification personnel to establish the best, reasonably available housing option.
- (d) Inmates who are suspected or known to be developmentally disabled should receive a mental health appraisal by the qualified health care professional as soon as reasonably practicable but no later than 24 hours after booking. Contact will be made with the regional center within 24 hours, excluding holidays and weekends, when an inmate is suspected or confirmed to be developmentally disabled. Inmates who are developmentally disabled should be referred, where appropriate and available, for placement in non-correctional facilities or in units specifically designated for housing the developmentally disabled (15 CCR 1057).
- (e) Inmates enrolled in mental health treatment, including psychiatric medication management, should be provided information regarding the risks and benefits to treatment. Informed consent documents should be signed by the inmate to establish his/her consent to treatment. The signed forms should be placed in the inmate's health record and retained in accordance with established records retention schedules.
- (f) A treatment plan should be established for all inmates enrolled in mental health services.
 - 1. Psychiatric and special needs treatment plans shall be reviewed every 180 days, at a minimum. Inmates taking psychotropic medication should be seen by a psychiatrist at least every 90 days. Inmates classified as requiring mental health special needs should be seen at least monthly by a qualified health care professional.
 - 2. Inmates enrolled in other ongoing forms of mental health treatment should have treatment plan updates completed every six months, at a minimum.
 - 3. Inmates who present to the qualified health care professional as having notable difficulty adjusting to the correctional environment, but who are not diagnosed with a serious mental illness, should be evaluated for the appropriateness of mental health treatment. Consideration should be given to the qualified health

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care professional and the facility staff working together to address the issues that may be affecting the inmate's ability to adjust to incarceration.

- (g) The qualified health care professional should utilize a site-specific suicide prevention program to ensure the safety of inmates who present with a risk of self-harm.
 - 1. Qualified health care professionals should be assigned to daily rounds in the segregation unit to determine the mental health status of inmates housed there.
 - 2. Segregated inmates may be referred by the correctional facility staff to qualified health care professionals for follow-up if concerns arise regarding their ability to function in disciplinary detention.

- (h) If the qualified health care professional has concerns about the level of mental health services that are required to manage an inmate housed in the facility, the health authority shall be notified and the Responsible Physician shall be the decision-maker regarding the health care needs of the inmate.
 - 1. The Responsible Physician may consult with a psychiatrist, specialist or other health care service in determining whether the inmate should be transferred to a facility that is better equipped to handle the inmate's psychiatric needs.
 - 2. The Responsible Physician should notify the Jail Commander of the request to transfer the inmate for medical treatment.
 - 3. The case review and disposition of the patient should be documented in the inmate's health record and retained in accordance with established records retention schedules.

Inmates determined to be in need of substance abuse treatment services should be informed of the facility programs available and shall be provided information about community substance abuse treatment resources.

Mental Health Screening and Evaluation

712.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the process by which all inmates receive an initial mental health screening by qualified mental health staff or other qualified health care professional. The initial mental health screening takes place at the time of intake, and is for the safety of the inmate and the general population. It helps the custody staff to make appropriate classification and housing decisions and to ensure that the treatment and intervention needs of the inmate are met.

712.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office that all individuals booked into the facility shall receive an initial mental health screening by a qualified mental health professional or other qualified health care professional. A more comprehensive medical appraisal shall be conducted within the first 14 days of incarceration to confirm the initial findings and to ensure that, if needed, an appropriate treatment plan that meets the individual needs of the inmate is in place (15 CCR 1052; 15 CCR 1209(a)(1)).

712.3 MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING

The initial screening is designed to identify whether mental health conditions exist that require immediate or ongoing intervention. The screening shall be performed prior to the inmate being placed in general housing and should include:

- (a) Inquiry into whether the inmate is or has:
 - 1. Thoughts or history of suicidal behavior.
 - 2. Been prescribed or is taking psychotropic medication or antidepressants.
 - 3. Been treated for mental health issues.
 - 4. A history of psychiatric treatment.
 - 5. A history of treatment for substance abuse or been treated for substance abuse.
- (b) Any observations of:
 - 1. Appearance and behavior.
 - 2. Abuse, injury or trauma.
 - 3. Symptoms of aggression, depression, psychosis.
- (c) A determination of whether the inmate is cleared for or referred to:
 - 1. General housing
 - 2. General housing with mental health referral
 - 3. Mental health emergency treatment

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This information shall be recorded on the receiving screening form. It will become part of the inmate's health record and be retained in accordance with established records retention schedules.

712.4 MENTAL HEALTH APPRAISAL

All new inmates shall receive a mental health appraisal by a qualified health care professional within 14 days, unless documentation exists that an appraisal has been completed within the previous 90 days. Mental health appraisals should include, but not necessarily be limited to the following assessments:

- Mental health status
- Suicide potential
- Violence potential
- Previous psychiatric treatment
- Any history of treatment with psychotropic medication or antidepressants
- Substance abuse or treatment for substance abuse
- Educational history
- Sexual abuse victimization (28 CFR 115.81)
- Predatory behavior or perpetrated sexual abuse (28 CFR 115.81)

712.5 MENTAL HEALTH REFERRALS

Qualified mental health staff should administer a complete and thorough evaluation of inmates referred for treatment as soon as practicable but no later than 14 days from the referral. The evaluation should include:

- Review of the inmate's screening and appraisal information.
- Observations of the inmate's behavior.
- Information gathered from interviews and testing to determine the inmate's mental health condition, intellect, personality, problems and ability to deal with a custody environment.
- Collection of the Inmate's mental health history.

Following the evaluation, a plan of treatment and maintenance, which may include a complete psychological evaluation, should be developed to meet the inmate's needs.

Special Needs Medical Treatment

713.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This purpose of this policy is the proper treatment and management of inmates with chronic diseases and special needs. This is accomplished by utilizing nationally recognized, generally accepted clinical guidelines and establishing communication between qualified health care professionals and custodial personnel.

713.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Chronic disease - An illness or condition that affects an individual's well-being for an extended interval, usually at least six months, and generally is not curable but can be managed for optimum functioning within any limitations the condition creates in the individual.

Chronic disease program - The inmate has regular clinic visits during which a qualified health care professional monitors the medical condition and adjusts treatment as necessary. The program also includes patient education for symptom management.

713.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office that all individuals identified as having chronic diseases or special needs are enrolled in a chronic disease program to decrease the frequency and severity of the symptoms, prevent disease progression and complication, and foster improved function.

When a qualified health care professional recognizes that an inmate requires accommodation due to a special need, correctional personnel should be notified in writing. Consultation between the qualified health care professional and custodial personnel should occur regarding the condition and capabilities of inmates with known special needs prior to a housing, work or program assignment, transfer to another facility or the imposition of disciplinary action.

Qualified health care professionals shall furnish special needs information regarding inmates to custodial personnel in order for them to accurately classify and house inmates in the facility. It is the responsibility of the Jail Commander or the authorized designee to ensure that inmates with special needs are receiving the proper care and that their needs are effectively communicated to custodial staff for appropriate accommodation (15 CCR 1206(g)).

713.3 CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES

The Responsible Physician or the authorized designee is responsible for establishing and annually reviewing clinical protocols to ensure consistency with the National Clinical Practice Guidelines.

The clinical protocols for the management of chronic disease and special needs include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Asthma
- Communicable diseases

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- Developmentally disabled inmates
- Diabetes
- Dialysis
- Frail or elderly inmates
- High blood cholesterol
- HIV
- Hypertension
- Mental illness
- Mobility impairments
- Pregnancy
- Seizure disorder
- Suicidal ideation
- Terminally ill
- Tuberculosis

713.4 DOCUMENTATION

Documentation in an inmate's medical record should include information regarding the chronic disease protocols deployed, the person responsible for the various protocols, the extent to which the chronic disease protocols are being followed and should include, but not be limited to:

- The frequency of follow-up for medical evaluation.
- How the treatment plan was adjusted when clinically indicated.
- The type and frequency of diagnostic testing and prescribed therapeutic regimens.
- The prescribed instructions for diet, exercise, adaptation to the correctional environment and medication.
- Clinical justification of any deviation from the established protocol.

A master list of all chronic disease and special needs patients should be maintained by the Responsible Physician or the authorized designee.

713.5 CHRONIC CARE PROGRAM

- (a) Newly incarcerated inmates shall receive a medical screening. This screening includes the documentation of any acute or chronic health problems or injuries, special needs and any medications or treatments the inmate is currently receiving.
 1. If the inmate has been incarcerated previously, his/her health records should be reviewed.

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2. A special needs communication email should be completed and sent to the classification unit, the Watch Commander and the housing officer to ensure the inmate is properly housed.
 3. Current medications being taken by the inmate should be verified and continued as deemed appropriate by the Responsible Physician.
 4. A health assessment shall be completed within 14 days of incarceration and a physical examination conducted within six months of incarceration.
 5. The status of a special needs inmate should be evaluated, at minimum, every 90 days to determine the need for the continued designation.
- (b) The Jail Commander or the authorized designee and the Responsible Physician or the authorized designee should consult with one another prior to taking action regarding any special needs inmate with regard to housing, program or work assignments, disciplinary measures or transfers to other facilities.
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- (c) Individual treatment plans are used to guide treatment for episodes of illness. The format for treatment planning may vary, but should include, at a minimum:
1. The frequency of follow-up for medical evaluation and adjustment of treatment modality.
 2. The type and frequency of diagnostic testing and therapeutic regimens.
 3. When appropriate, instructions about diet, exercise, adaptation to the correctional environment and medication.
- (d) Reasonable effort should be made to obtain health information and records from previous health care services, with the consent of the inmate, when the inmate has a medical problem that was being treated prior to incarceration.
- (e) Upon transfer to another correctional facility, a summary of the inmate's current condition, medications and treatment plan will be forwarded to the receiving facility in a sealed envelope to maintain inmate privacy.
- (f) Requests for health information from community health care services must be submitted with the inmate's written consent. If the inmate does not consent, the community health care service may be advised that the person is an inmate and the health information may not be provided without the inmate's written consent.
- (g) Critical specialty medical procedures or treatment, such as dialysis, which cannot be provided at the Butte County Sheriff's Office do not require a court order unless the care is expected to prevent the inmate from returning within 48 hours (Penal Code § 4011.5), refer to Consent Decree.
- (h) When inmates are sent out of this facility for emergency or specialty treatment, written information regarding the inmate's current medical status and treatment should accompany the inmate. Upon return to the facility, treatment recommendations from outside health care services should be reviewed by the Responsible Physician or

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the authorized designee for any changes in the custodial environment or in-house treatment plan.

- (i) Inmates identified as developmentally disabled shall be considered for discharge planning services.
 - 1. The local center for the developmentally disabled will be contacted within 24 hours of incarceration of an inmate suspected to be developmentally disabled.
 - 2. Referrals will be made to the correctional facility's discharge planning specialist. If no such position exists, the need for transition planning should be noted on the treatment plan.
- (j) With the inmate's written consent, the health services staff should:
 - 1. Share necessary information with outside health care services.
 - 2. Arrange for follow-up appointments.
 - 3. Arrange for transfer of health summaries and relevant parts of the health record to community providers or others assisting in planning or providing for services upon release.
- (k) Contacts with community providers should be documented via an administrative note in the patient's health record.
- (l) Patients with serious mental health issues, including those receiving psychotropic medication, will be informed about community options for continuing treatment and provided with follow-up appointments when possible.
- (m) Medications should be provided as appropriate.
- (n) The Responsible Physician is responsible for ensuring that local site-specific procedures facilitate discharge planning.

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714.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy is intended to provide guidelines for facility staff to assist in minimizing the risk of contracting and/or spreading communicable diseases. The policy offers direction in achieving the following goals:

- (a) Managing the risks associated with bloodborne pathogens (BBP), aerosol transmissible diseases (ATD) and other potentially infectious substances.
- (b) Providing appropriate treatment for ill inmates while minimizing the risk of the spread of disease.
- (c) Making decisions concerning the selection, use, maintenance, limitations, storage and disposal of personal protective equipment (PPE).
- (d) Ensuring proper reporting to local, state and federal agencies.
- (e) Establishing procedures for the identification, education, immunization, prevention, surveillance, diagnosis, medical isolation (when indicated), treatment and follow-up care for new inmates, and for inmates or employees who have contracted a communicable disease from an ill inmate.
- (f) Providing appropriate treatment, counseling and confidentiality should an employee become exposed to a communicable disease.
- (g) Protecting the privacy rights of all personnel who may be exposed to or contract a communicable disease during the course of their duties.

714.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Aerosol transmissible disease (ATD) - A disease or pathogen for which droplet (whooping cough, influenza, streptococcus) or airborne (measles, chickenpox, tuberculosis) precautions are required.

Aerosol transmissible disease (ATD) exposure - Any event in which all of the following has occurred:

- An employee has been exposed to an individual who has or is suspected to have an ATD, or the employee is working in an area or with equipment that is reasonably expected to contain aerosol transmissible pathogens associated with an ATD.
- The exposure occurred without the benefit of applicable exposure controls required by this section.
- It reasonably appears from the circumstances of the exposure that transmission of disease is likely sufficient to require medical evaluation.

Airborne precautions - Include the use of an Airborne Infection Isolation Room (AIIR) that meets the American Institute of Architects/Facility Guidelines Institute (AIA/FGI) standards for AIIRs, for

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infectious agents such as measles, chickenpox, tuberculosis, etc., in addition to medical personnel wearing masks or respirators.

Bloodborne pathogens (BBP) - Pathogenic microorganisms that are present in human blood and can cause disease in humans. These pathogens include, but are not limited to, hepatitis B virus (HBV), hepatitis C virus (HCV) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Bloodborne pathogen exposure - Includes, but is not limited to, the contact of blood or other potentially infectious materials with the eye, mouth, other mucous membranes, non-intact skin, needle sticks, human bites, cuts, abrasions or any contact with blood or body fluids that is synonymous with bloodborne pathogen exposure as defined by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Ectoparasitic infections - Parasites that live on the skin, such as lice (pediculosis) and scabies (sarcoptic mange). Both infections are communicable and may lead to secondary infections.

HBV - Hepatitis B

HIV - Human Immunodeficiency Virus

Medical isolation - Housing in a separate room with a separate toilet, hand-washing facility, soap and single-service towels, and with appropriate accommodations for showering.

NIOSH - National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health

Nosocomial - Acquired during hospitalization. Nosocomial infections are infections that present 48 to 72 hours after admission to a hospital.

OSHA - Occupational Health and Safety Administration

Personal protective equipment (PPE) - Respiratory equipment, garments, gloves and other barrier materials designed to reduce employee exposure to hazards.

Source control measures - The use of procedures, engineering controls and other devices or materials to minimize the spread of airborne particles and droplets from an individual who has or exhibits signs or symptoms of having an ATD.

Standard precautions - Infection control practices used to prevent the transmission of disease that can be acquired by contact with blood, bodily fluids, non-intact skin (including rashes) and mucous membranes. Applies to all inmates receiving care, regardless of diagnosis or presumed infection status.

Universal precautions - A set of precautions designed to prevent transmission of HIV, HBV and other bloodborne pathogens when providing first aid or health care.

714.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office to maintain an effective program that focuses on the identification, education, immunization, prevention, surveillance, diagnosis, medical isolation (when indicated), treatment, follow-up and proper reporting to local, state and federal agencies of communicable

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diseases. The program is designed to ensure that a safe and healthy environment is created and maintained for all occupants of the facility (15 CCR 1051; 15 CCR 1206.5; 15 CCR 1206(i)).

714.2.1 EXPOSURE CONTROL OFFICER

The Jail Commander shall designate an Exposure Control Officer (ECO) (Contracted Medical Program Manger) who shall be responsible for:

- (a) Establishing written procedures and a training program related to BBPs.
- (b) Establishing written procedures and a training program related to ATDs.
- (c) Working with the Jail Commander to develop and administer any additional related policies and practices necessary to support the effective implementation of an Exposure Control Plan (ECP), including specific symptoms that require segregation of an inmate until a medical evaluation is completed (15 CCR 1051).
- (d) Acting as a liaison during OSHA inspections and conducting program audits to maintain a current ECP.
- (e)
- (f) Reviewing and updating the ECP annually, on or before January 1 of each year.

Supervisors are responsible for exposure control in their respective areas. They shall work directly with the ECO and the affected employees to ensure that the proper procedures are followed.

714.2.2 PROCEDURES

The ECO shall be responsible for establishing, implementing and maintaining effective written procedures for the following:

- (a) Incorporating the recommendations contained in the CDC's "Respiratory Hygiene/ Cough Etiquette in Healthcare Settings."
- (b) Screening and referring cases and suspected cases of ATD to appropriate facilities within five hours of identification.
- (c) Creating a multidisciplinary team, including the Responsible Physician, and security and administrative representatives, who will meet at least quarterly to review and discuss communicable disease issues and activities. The ECO shall retain minutes of these meetings in accordance with established records retention schedules. The ECO also shall coordinate with the local public health entity on appropriate policy and procedure.
- (d) Conducting an assessment on the incidence and prevalence of tuberculosis (TB) within the facility's population and the surrounding community. If the statistics indicate a risk, the ECO shall develop a written plan that addresses the management of TB, from testing to follow-up care.
- (e) Communicating with employees, other employers and the local health officer regarding the suspected or diagnosed infectious disease status of referred inmates, including notification of exposed employees.
- (f) Reducing the risk of ATDs through the ECP and reviewing the plan at least annually.

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- (g) Reducing the risk of exposure to BBPs (HIV, hepatitis).
- (h) Providing a system of medical services for employees who may become exposed to communicable diseases during the course of their employment.
- (i) Ensuring that all employees who have occupational exposure to communicable diseases participate in a training program at the time of their initial assignment, at least annually thereafter, and any time there is a change in working conditions.
- (j) Making all exposure and treatment plans available for employees, employee representatives and NIOSH review.
- (k) Establishing procedures to ensure that members request exposure notification from health facilities after potential exposure to a person who may have a communicable disease who has been transported to a health facility and that the member is notified of any exposure as required by Health and Safety Code § 1797.188.
- (l) Informing members of the provisions of Health and Safety Code § 1797.188 (exposure to communicable diseases and notification).
- (m) Acting as the designated officer liaison with health care facilities regarding communicable disease or condition exposure notification. The designated officer should coordinate with other office members to fulfil the role when not available. The designated officer shall ensure that the name, title and telephone number of the designated officer is posted on the office website (Health and Safety Code § 1797.188).

714.3 COMMUNICABLE DISEASE PROGRAM COMPONENTS

714.3.1 SURVEILLANCE

Surveillance takes place throughout the period of the inmate's incarceration and is done in a variety of encounters and inspections. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) **Medical screening** - Each newly booked inmate shall be evaluated for health care needs and signs and symptoms of infectious disease. The receiving screening includes questions regarding known symptoms of TB, HIV, sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) and HBV. The individual completing the medical screening should observe the inmate for obvious signs of infection (15 CCR 1206.5(a)).
- (b) **Health assessment** - Inmates shall have a health assessment within the first 14 days of incarceration. The health assessment process includes screening for symptoms of communicable disease. Inmates will have a Purified Protein Derivative (PPD) test or a chest X-ray for TB and a blood test for STDs. Voluntary HIV testing is provided based on identified risk.
- (c) **Periodic health assessments** - Annual testing for TB is performed on all inmates who are in the facility for one year or more.
- (d) **Sick call and referrals** - At any time during incarceration, an inmate may request to be evaluated for an infectious disease through the sick call process. Health and correctional staff can request that an inmate be evaluated if they notice any signs of potentially infectious disease.

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- (e) **Contact investigation** - When an inmate housed in the general population develops symptoms of an infectious disease, the Responsible Physician should work cooperatively with the Jail Commander or the authorized designee and the public health department to provide appropriate screening and testing of potentially exposed persons.
- (f) **Environmental health and safety inspections** - The health and safety of the facility environment shall be inspected by the local public health entity and reported to the Jail Commander at least annually in a written report. Conditions identified as adversely affecting the health and safety of the inmates and/or employees or visitors shall be promptly addressed and corrected.

714.3.2 IDENTIFICATION

Any inmate suspected of having a communicable disease will be evaluated by a qualified health care professional as soon as reasonably practicable. Inmates suspected of having communicable diseases will be appropriately isolated until disease confirmation and the period of communicability is determined. Long term housing consideration will be based upon the classification status as well as the behavior, medical needs and safety of inmates and staff. These inmates shall be examined by a qualified health care professional within 24 hours. The instructions of the qualified health care professional regarding care of the patient and sanitizing of eating utensils, clothing and bedding shall be carefully followed (15 CCR 1206.5(a); 15 CCR 1206.5(b)(6)).

714.3.3 TREATMENT

Qualified health care professionals shall provide care as directed by the Responsible Physician and consistent with scientific evidence-based medicine (15 CCR 1206.5(a)).

- (a) The Responsible Physician and the Jail Commander shall collaborate on treatment planning with the public health department, as appropriate.
- (b) Complete documentation of the signs, symptoms, diagnostic results, treatment and outcome of care provided to inmates who are suspected or confirmed as having a communicable disease will be entered into the inmate's health record.

714.3.4 COMMUNICATION

The Responsible Physician shall ensure the following notifications are made whenever a communicable disease is identified (15 CCR 1206.5(b)(3); 15 CCR 1206.5(b)(8)):

- (a) Notification to the public health department of all reportable diseases and conditions shall be made as soon as practicable. This is done by completing appropriate forms, and if necessary, contacting the public health department directly for situations of multiple spread occurrences.
- (b) The Responsible Physician and the Jail Commander shall be kept informed of any incidence of communicable disease.
- (c) The Jail Commander shall be apprised of any medical situation that raises the risk of disease level for inmates, correctional officers or any other staff members.

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714.3.5 CONTINUOUS QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

A continuous quality improvement (CQI) committee shall be formed consisting of the Responsible Physician, the Jail Commander or the authorized designee and a representative from the public health entity. The purpose of the committee is to monitor infection control issues and evaluate infection control processes to ensure effectiveness.

Monthly statistics should be collected by health care services and assembled into a report presented by the Responsible Physician or the authorized designee, detailing surveillance activities, disease identification and cases treated. The committee should meet quarterly and should discuss topics specific to infection control and communicable disease. Minutes of the meetings should be retained in accordance with established records retention schedules.

714.3.6 EMPLOYEE TRAINING

The Responsible Physician or the authorized designee shall provide education to all correctional staff who have contact with infected inmates during the initial employee orientation and annually thereafter. The Training Coordinator shall schedule this training and shall retain all associated records in accordance with established records retention schedules.

714.3.7 DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING

The health authority shall be responsible for ensuring the systematic collection and analysis of data to assist in the identification of problems, epidemics or clusters of nosocomial infections. All reportable illnesses as defined by the public health department shall be reported as required (15 CCR 1206.5(b) et seq.).

714.3.8 STANDARD PRECAUTIONS

Standard precautions shall be used by health care practitioners to minimize the risk of exposure to blood and bodily fluids of infected patients. The health authority shall be responsible for establishing basic guidelines including, but not limited to (15 CCR 1206.5(b)(4)):

- Washing hands or using hand sanitizer before and after all patient or specimen contact.
- Handling all blood and bodily fluids such as saliva, urine, semen and vaginal secretions as if they are known to be infectious. Where it is not possible to distinguish between body fluid types, all body fluids are to be assumed infectious.
- Wearing gloves for potential contact with blood and other bodily fluids.
- Placing used syringes immediately in a nearby, impermeable container. Do not recap or manipulate any needle in any way.
- Wearing protective eyewear and a mask if splatter with blood or other body fluids is possible.
- Handling all linen soiled with blood and/or bodily secretions as infectious.
- Processing all laboratory specimens as infectious.
- As appropriate, wearing a mask for TB and other ATDs.

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714.3.9 TRANSMISSION-BASED PRECAUTIONS

Transmission-based precautions may be needed in addition to universal precautions for selected patients who are known or suspected to harbor certain infections. These precautions are divided into three categories that reflect the differences in the way infections are transmitted. Some diseases may require more than one category.

- (a) Airborne precautions are designed to prevent the spread of ATDs, which are transmitted by minute particles called droplet nuclei or contaminated dust particles. These particles, because of their size, can remain suspended in the air for long periods of time, even after the infected person has left the room. Some examples of diseases requiring airborne precautions are TB, measles and chicken pox.
 - 1. An inmate requiring airborne precautions should be assigned to a designated respiratory isolation room with special ventilation requirements. The door to this room must be closed at all possible times. If an inmate must move from the isolation room to another area of the facility, the inmate should wear a mask during transport. Anyone entering the isolation room to provide care to the inmate must wear a respirator.
- (b) Droplet precautions are designed to prevent the spread of organisms that travel on particles much larger than the droplet nuclei. These particles do not spend much time suspended in the air, and usually do not travel beyond a few feet of the inmate. These particles are produced when an inmate coughs, talks or sneezes. Examples of disease requiring droplet precautions are meningococcal meningitis, influenza, mumps and German measles (rubella).
 - 1. All staff should wear masks within 3 feet of the inmate. Inmate movement should be restricted to the minimum necessary for effective facility operations. The inmate should wear a mask during transport.
- (c) Contact precautions are designed to prevent the spread of organisms from an infected inmate through direct (touching the inmate) or indirect (touching surfaces or objects the inmate touched) contact. Examples of inmates who might be placed in contact precautions are those infected with the following:
 - 1. Antibiotic-resistant bacteria
 - 2. Hepatitis A
 - 3. Scabies
 - 4. Impetigo
 - 5. Lice

The following guide shall be used to determine the appropriate precautions that are necessary to reduce the risk of infection transmission while inmates are being transported. Inmates shall receive training on the disease transmission process and will be provided with appropriate barrier devices.

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	GLOVES	SURGICAL MASKS	N95 MASKS	ISOLATION GOWNS
Contact				
Inmate	No	No	No	No
Personnel	Yes	No	No	Yes
Droplet				
Inmate	No	Yes	No	No
Personnel	No	Yes	No	Yes
Airborne				
Inmate	No	Yes	No	No
Personnel	No	No	Yes	No

714.3.10 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH AND SAFETY

The Responsible Physician or the authorized designee shall conduct a monthly inspection of areas where health services are provided to verify the following:

- The equipment is inspected and maintained to the manufacturer's recommendations.
- The area is clean and sanitary.
- The appropriate measures are being taken to ensure the unit is occupationally and environmentally safe.

714.3.11 REGULATED WASTE

The Office in coordination with the health authority, will provide for the management of biohazardous materials and waste and the establishment of a protocol for the decontamination of equipment used in medical and dental treatment. Medical and dental equipment decontamination shall comply with all applicable local, state and federal regulations. Precautions may include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Discarding biohazardous waste in red plastic bags marked with the word BIOHAZARD and displaying the international symbol for biohazardous material. Contaminated disposable PPE shall be discarded in these receptacles.
- (b) Whenever a large amount of fluid blood is present, an absorbent powder should be used to gelatinize the fluid, which should assist in clean up. Standard precautions shall be used when removing the product, that should then be placed in a red biohazard bag.
- (c) Used biohazard bags shall be stored in covered, rigid waste receptacles in designated locations pending weekly removal by a biohazard waste removal contractor.
- (d) Records documenting biohazardous waste removal, spore count logs and cleaning logs shall be retained in accordance with established records retention schedules.

714.4 ECTOPARASITE CONTROL

Ectoparasite control will be initiated, where clinically indicated, immediately following the medical screening or when the inmate manifests signs and symptoms of lice or scabies (15 CCR 1212).

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- (a) Any inmate who indicates parasitical infection upon entering the facility shall be treated by a qualified health care professional.
- (b) Any inmate suspected of having lice/scabies may be referred to sick call by a correctional deputy.
- (c) An inmate may access sick call if he/she believes there is a problem with lice/scabies.
- (d) A qualified health care professional shall evaluate any inmate with a lice/scabies complaint. If there are positive findings, the inmate shall be treated for the infestation accordingly.
 - 1. The lice and scabies treatment guidelines will be followed by the qualified health care professional, if a physician's order for the medication administration is obtained.
 - (a) The prescribing physician shall be notified if the inmate is pregnant, as certain medications are contraindicated for pregnant women. An alternative topical application must be prescribed in these situations.
 - (b) Documentation in the medical record should include the patient's symptoms, observations regarding the condition, patient education and prescribed treatment.
 - 2. The inmate's clothing and linen shall be removed from his/her cell placed in a plastic bag and sent to the laundry. These items are considered contaminated and must be disinfected by:
 - (a) Machine washing (hot cycle), machine drying (hot cycle), dry cleaning or ironing, or
 - (b) Storage in a plastic bag for non-washable items for 10-14 days (head lice), seven days (pubic lice). This method is not recommended for body lice.
 - (c) Isolation is not necessary as long as clothing and bedding are properly disinfected and inmates do not share items.
 - 1. An inmate having poor hygiene should be housed in a single cell until 24 hours after beginning treatment.
 - 2. Gloves are to be used for direct contact until the inmate has been treated and the clothing/bedding have been removed for disinfecting.
 - 3. Cell mates, sexual partners and any personnel having direct hands-on contact with an infected inmate should be evaluated for prophylactic treatment because of the long incubation period of the scabies parasite.

714.5 EMPLOYEE EXPOSURE CONTROL

All facility staff that may come in contact with another person's blood or bodily fluids shall follow these procedures and guidelines. For the purposes of this policy, contact with blood or bodily fluids is synonymous with BBP exposure.

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All employees shall use the appropriate barrier precautions to prevent skin and mucous membrane exposure whenever contact with blood or bodily fluid is anticipated. Disposable gloves shall be worn, if reasonably possible, before making physical contact with any inmate and when handling the personal belongings of an inmate.

Should gloves come in contact with blood or other bodily fluids, the gloves shall be disposed of as contaminated waste. Care should be taken to avoid touching other items (e.g., pens, books and personal items in general) while wearing disposable gloves in a potentially contaminated environment. All procedures involving blood or other potentially infectious materials shall be done in a way to minimize splashing, spraying or otherwise generating droplets of those materials.

Eating, drinking, smoking, applying lip balm and handling contact lenses shall be prohibited in areas where the potential for exposure exists.

714.5.1 IMMUNIZATIONS

All facility staff members who may be exposed to, or have contact with, a communicable disease shall be offered appropriate treatment immunization. The ability of staff to provide health care services is predicated on a safe and secure working environment where employees feel safe to do their work, and assures public safety.

Staff shall also receive a TB test prior to job assignment and voluntary annual testing thereafter, at no cost to the employee.

The HBV immunization shall be available to all employees who have direct inmate contact and who test negative for HBV antibodies. The immunization is voluntary and provided at no cost to the employee. Employees who decline the offer of immunization and/or test shall be required to sign a waiver. Employees receiving immunization and testing shall be required to sign a consent form. Employees may reverse their decision to decline at any time by signing a consent form.

714.5.2 PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)

The PPE is the last line of defense against communicable disease. Therefore, the following equipment is provided to all personnel to assist in the protection against such exposures:

- Disposable latex gloves
- Safety glasses or goggles
- Rescue mask with a one-way valve
- Alcohol (or similar substance) to flush skin

The PPE should be inspected at the start of each shift and replaced immediately after each use and when it becomes damaged.

714.5.3 DECONTAMINATION OF PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

After using any reusable PPE, it shall be washed or disinfected and stored appropriately. If it is not reusable (e.g., disposable gloves), it shall be discarded in a biohazard waste container.

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Any PPE that becomes punctured, torn or loses its integrity shall be removed as soon as reasonably feasible. The employee shall wash up and replace the PPE if the job has not been terminated. If the situation resulted in a contaminated non-intact skin event, the affected area shall be decontaminated as described below.

A contaminated reusable PPE that must be transported prior to cleaning shall be placed into a biohazard waste bag. Gloves shall be worn while handling the biohazard waste bag and during placement into the biohazard waste container. The gloves shall be included with the waste.

714.5.4 DECONTAMINATION OF SKIN AND MUCOUS MEMBRANES

Personnel shall wash their hands as soon as possible following the removal of potentially contaminated gloves. Antibacterial soap and warm water or an approved disinfectant shall be used, paying particular attention to the fingernails.

If an employee's intact skin contacts someone else's blood or body fluids or other potentially infectious materials, the employee shall immediately wash the exposed part of his/her body with soap and warm water and/or an approved disinfectant as soon as possible. If the skin becomes grossly contaminated, body washing shall be followed by an approved hospital strength disinfectant. If large areas of the employee's skin are contaminated, the employee shall shower as soon as reasonably possible, using warm water and soap and/or an approved disinfectant. Medical treatment should be obtained.

Contaminated non-intact skin (e.g., injured skin, open wound) shall be cleaned using an approved disinfectant and then dressed or bandaged as required. Medical treatment is required. All hand, skin and mucous-membrane washing that takes place shall be done in the designated cleaning or decontamination area. Cleaning shall not be done in the kitchen, bathrooms or other locations not designated as a cleaning or decontamination area.

714.5.5 DECONTAMINATION OF CLOTHING

Contaminated clothing such as uniforms and undergarments shall be removed as soon as reasonably feasible and rinsed in cold water to prevent the setting of bloodstains. If the clothing may be washed in soap and hot water, do so as soon as reasonably possible.

Contaminated leather boots shall be brushed and scrubbed with detergent and hot water. If the contaminant soaked through the boot, the boot shall be discarded and replaced. The cost of replacement shall be paid according to labor contract agreements.

714.5.6 DECONTAMINATION OF VEHICLES

Contaminated vehicles and components such as the seats, radios and doors, shall be washed with soap and warm water and disinfected with an approved germicide as soon as reasonably feasible.

714.6 SHARPS AND ITEMS THAT CUT OR PUNCTURE

All personnel shall avoid using or holding sharps (needles) unless they are assisting medical personnel or collecting them for evidence. Unless required for reasons related to evidence

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preservation, employees are not to recap sharps. If recapping is necessary, a one-handed method shall be employed to avoid a finger prick. Disposal, when possible, shall be into a puncture-proof biohazard container.

All sharps and items that cut or puncture (e.g., broken glass, razors and knives) shall be treated cautiously to avoid cutting, stabbing or puncturing one's self or any other person. In addition, if a sharp object contains known or suspected blood or other body fluids, that item is to be treated as a contaminated item. If the item is not evidence, touching it with the hands shall be avoided. Rather, use a device such as tongs or a broom and a dustpan to clean up debris. If the material must be touched, protective gloves shall be worn.

714.7 POST-EXPOSURE REPORTING AND FOLLOW-UP REQUIREMENTS

In actual or suspected employee exposure incidents, proper documentation and follow-up action must occur to limit potential liabilities and to ensure the best protection and care for the employees.

714.7.1 EMPLOYEE RESPONSIBILITY TO REPORT EXPOSURE

To provide appropriate and timely treatment should exposure occur, all employees shall verbally report the exposure to their immediate supervisor and complete a written exposure report as soon as possible following the exposure or suspected exposure. That report shall be submitted to the employee's immediate supervisor. Employees should document in the exposure report whether they would like the person who was the source of the exposure to be tested for communicable diseases (15 CCR 1206.5(b)(8)).

714.7.2 SUPERVISOR REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The supervisor on-duty shall investigate every exposure that occurs as soon as possible following the incident, while gathering the following information:

- (a) Name and employee identification number of the employee exposed
- (b) Date and time of incident
- (c) Location of incident
- (d) What potentially infectious materials were involved
- (e) Source of material or person
- (f) Current location of material or person
- (g) Work being done during exposure
- (h) How the incident occurred or was caused
- (i) PPE in use at the time of the incident
- (j) Actions taken post-event (e.g., clean-up, notifications)

The supervisor shall advise the employee of the laws and regulations concerning disclosure of the identity and infectious status of a source, and of information contained in this policy regarding source testing.

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It is the responsibility of the exposed employee's supervisor to ensure testing is sought according to the guidelines in this policy.

714.7.3 MEDICAL CONSULTATION, EVALUATION AND TREATMENT

Any employee who was exposed or who suspects he/she was exposed to HIV or to hepatitis B or C should be seen by a physician or qualified health care professional as soon as reasonably possible.

The doctor or qualified health care professional should be given the supervisor's report and the employee's medical records relevant to the visit and examination. The blood of the exposed employee shall be tested.

The qualified health care professional will provide the employee's supervisor and/or the Office's risk manager with a written opinion/evaluation of the exposed employee's medical condition. This opinion should only contain the following information:

- If a post-exposure treatment is indicated for the employee.
- If the employee received a post-exposure treatment.
- Confirmation that the employee received the evaluation results.
- Confirmation that the employee was informed of any medical condition that could result from the exposure incident and whether further treatment or evaluation will be required.
- Whether communicable disease testing from the source is warranted, and if so, which diseases the testing should include.

All other findings or diagnosis shall remain confidential and are not to be included in the written report.

714.7.4 COUNSELING

The Office shall provide the exposed employee (and his/her family if necessary) the opportunity for counseling and consultation.

714.7.5 CONFIDENTIALITY OF REPORTS

Most of the information involved in this process must remain confidential. The employee's supervisor and Office's risk management shall ensure that all records and reports are kept in the strictest confidence. The Office's risk management shall be responsible for maintaining records containing the employee's treatment status and the results of examinations, medical testing and follow-up procedures.

The Office's risk manager shall be responsible for keeping the name and Social Security number of the employee and copies of any information provided to the consulting health care professional on file.

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This information is confidential and shall not be disclosed to anyone without the employee's written consent (except as required by law). Test results from persons who may have been the source of an exposure are to be kept confidential as well (15 CCR 1206.5(b)(5)).

714.7.6 SOURCE TESTING

Testing of a person who was the source of an exposure to a communicable disease should be sought when it is desired by the exposed employee or when it is otherwise appropriate.

There are five methods to obtain such testing. It is the responsibility of the employee's supervisor and Office's risk management to ensure the proper testing and reporting occurs. These methods are:

- (a) Obtaining voluntary consent from any person who may be the source of an exposure to test for any communicable disease.
- (b) Filing a report with the county health officer when an employee is exposed to the bodily fluids of an arrestee. The county health officer may pursue testing for HIV or hepatitis B or C.
- (c) Seeking consent for testing or applying for a court order for HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C testing.
- (d) Seeking a court order when the person who may be the source of an exposure will not consent to testing and the exposure does not fall under a statutory scheme for testing. This covers testing for any communicable disease as deemed appropriate by a qualified health care professional and documented in the request for the court order.
- (e) Under certain circumstances, a court may issue a search warrant for testing an adult when an employee of the Butte County Sheriff's Office qualifies as a crime victim.

714.7.7 EXPOSURE FROM A NON-INMATE

Upon notification of an employee's exposure to a non-inmate (e.g., visitor, attorney, volunteer, vendor) the employee's supervisor should attempt to determine if the person who was the source of the exposure will voluntarily consent to testing. If consent is provided, the following steps should be taken:

- (a) A qualified health care professional should notify the person to be tested of the exposure and make a good faith effort to obtain voluntary informed consent from the person or his/her authorized legal representative to perform a test for HIV, hepatitis B, hepatitis C and other communicable diseases the qualified health care professional deems appropriate.
- (b) The voluntary informed consent obtained by the qualified health care professional must be in writing and include consent for three specimens of blood. The ECO should document the consent as a supplement to the Exposure Control Report.
- (c) The results of the tests should be made available to the source and the exposed employee.

If consent is not obtained, the employee's supervisor should promptly consult with the County Counsel and consider requesting that a court order be sought for appropriate testing.

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714.7.8 EXPOSURE FROM AN INMATE

If the employee's supervisor receives notification from an employee of a potential exposure from an inmate, the employee's supervisor should take the following steps:

- (a) Seek consent from the person who was the source of the exposure and seek a court order, if consent is refused.
- (b) Take reasonable steps to immediately contact the county health officer and provide preliminary information regarding the circumstances of the exposure and the status of the involved individuals to determine whether the county health officer will order testing.
- (c) Remain in contact with the county health officer to determine whether testing of the inmate will occur and whether the testing satisfies the medical needs of the employee.
- (d) The results of the tests should be made available to the inmate and the exposed employee.

If the exposed employee is not covered by either statutory scheme, the employee's supervisor should seek consent or a court order in the same manner as for a non-inmate.

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715.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy acknowledges the high priority of inmate health and recognizes that some inmates will require adaptive devices to assist them with daily living activities on a temporary or permanent basis.

The Butte County Sheriff's Office has established this policy for physicians and dentists to review and evaluate the need for adaptive devices, while considering facility security concerns regarding the use of such items.

When a physician or dentist determines that the medical condition of an inmate indicates that an adaptive device is clinically appropriate, the parameters of this policy will determine if authorization for the use of such items during incarceration should be granted, and if any equipment modifications are indicated for safety or security purposes.

715.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Adaptive device - Any orthotic, prosthetic or aid to impairment that is designed to assist an inmate with the activities of daily living or that is clinically appropriate for health, as determined by the Responsible Physician or dentist.

Aids to impairment - Includes, but is not limited to, eyeglasses, hearing aids, pacemakers, canes, crutches, walkers and wheelchairs .

Orthoses - Specialized mechanical devices, such as braces, shoe inserts or hand splints that are used to support or supplement weakened or abnormal joints, limbs and/or soft tissue.

Prostheses - Artificial devices designed and used to replace missing body parts, such as limbs, teeth or eyes.

715.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Office that, in accordance with security and safety concerns, medical and dental orthoses or prostheses and other adaptive devices should be permitted or supplied in a timely manner when the health of the inmate would otherwise be adversely affected or when such devices are necessary to reasonably accommodate a disability recognized under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) (42 USC § 12101 et seq.), as determined by the Responsible Physician or dentist (15 CCR 1206(d); 15 CCR 1207).

715.3 FACILITY-OWNED MEDICAL EQUIPMENT

All adaptive devices belonging to the Office shall be marked, identifying them as office property.

- (a) correctional deputy
- (b) correctional deputy office.

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715.4 MEDICAL OR DENTAL ORTHOSES, PROSTHESES, OR ADAPTIVE DEVICES

The following applies to inmates with any orthopedic or prosthetic devices (Penal Code § 2656):

- (a) An inmate shall not be deprived of the possession or use of any orthopedic, orthodontic, or prosthetic device that has been prescribed or recommended and fitted by a physician or dentist (see the following exception).
- (b) Any such device that may constitute an immediate risk of bodily harm to any person in the facility or that threatens the security of the facility should be brought to the attention of the Jail Commander. If the Jail Commander has probable cause to believe such a device constitutes an immediate risk of bodily harm to any person in the facility or threatens the security of the facility, the Jail Commander may remove the device and place it in the inmate's property.
- (c) The Jail Commander shall return the device to the inmate if circumstances change and the cause for removal no longer exists.
- (d) The Jail Commander shall have the inmate examined by a physician within 24 hours after a device is removed.
- (e) The Jail Commander should review the facts with the ADA Coordinator (Administrative Lieutenant) and shall address the issue in conjunction with the Inmates with Disabilities Policy.
- (f) The physician shall inform the inmate and the Jail Commander if the removal is or will be injurious to the health or safety of the inmate. When the Jail Commander is so informed but still does not return the device, the Jail Commander shall inform the physician and the inmate of the reasons and promptly provide the inmate with a form, as specified in Penal Code § 2656, by which the inmate may petition the Superior Court for return of the appliance. The Jail Commander shall promptly file the form with the Superior Court after it is signed by the inmate. The Jail Commander should consider the following alternatives to removal of the device:
 1. Reclassifying the inmate to another housing unit or administratively separating the inmate from the general population.
 2. With physician or dentist approval, modify the adaptive device to meet the medical needs of the inmate and the safety and security needs of the facility.

Once an adaptive device has been approved for use, the qualified health care professional shall enter the authorization into the inmate's health file. If the inmate requires special housing, the qualified health care professional shall document this in writing and notify custody or classification personnel appropriately. The qualified health care professional shall document the general condition of the prosthesis and annotate in the medical record that he/she received the prosthesis.

Any prostheses that are brought to the facility by family members or others after the inmate has been incarcerated shall be subject to a security check. The facility shall accept no responsibility for loss or damage to any adaptive device.

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715.5 REQUESTS FOR MEDICAL AND DENTAL PROSTHESES

All requests for new or replacement medical or dental prostheses shall be individually evaluated by the Responsible Physician or dentist and reviewed for approval by the Jail Commander.

Considerations for approval shall be based upon:

- Medical needs of the inmate.
- The anticipated length of incarceration.
- The safety and security of the facility.

Detoxification and Withdrawal

716.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

Significant percentages of inmates have a history of alcohol and/or drug abuse. Newly incarcerated individuals may enter the facility while under the influence of a substance or they may develop symptoms of alcohol or drug withdrawal. This policy is intended to ensure that the staff is able to recognize the symptoms of intoxication and withdrawal from alcohol or drugs, and that those inmates who are intoxicated or experiencing withdrawal are provided appropriate medical treatment.

This policy also identifies protocols to be used by qualified health care professionals. These protocols are appropriate for inmates who are under the influence of alcohol or drugs or who are experiencing withdrawal from any type of substance abuse.

716.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Alcohol withdrawal - A medical condition characterized by physiological changes that occur when alcohol intake is discontinued in an individual who is addicted to alcohol.

Detoxification - The process by which an individual is gradually withdrawn from drugs by the administration of decreasing doses of the drug on which the person is physiologically dependent, or a drug that is cross-tolerant to the dependent drug, or a drug that medical research has demonstrated to be effective in detoxifying the individual from the dependent drug.

716.2 POLICY

Withdrawal from alcohol or drugs can be a life-threatening medical condition requiring professional medical intervention. It is the policy of this office to provide proper medical care to inmates who suffer from drug or alcohol overdose or withdrawal.

To lessen the risk of a life-threatening medical emergency and to promote the safety and security of all persons in the facility, staff shall respond promptly to medical symptoms presented by inmates.

The Responsible Physician shall develop written medical protocols on detoxification symptoms necessitating immediate transfer of the inmate to a hospital or other medical facility, and procedures to follow if care within the facility should be undertaken (15 CCR 1213).

Inmates who are booked into the facility who are participating in a narcotic treatment program shall, with the approval of the director of the program, be entitled to continue in the program until conviction (Health and Safety Code § 11222).

716.3 STAFF RESPONSIBILITY

Staff should remain alert to signs of drug and alcohol overdose and withdrawal. These symptoms include, but are not limited to, sweating, nausea, abdominal cramps, anxiety, agitation, tremors, hallucinations, rapid breathing and generalized aches and pains. Any staff member who suspects

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that an inmate may be suffering from overdose or experiencing withdrawal symptoms shall promptly notify the Watch Commander, who shall ensure that a qualified health care professional is promptly notified.

716.4 MEDICAL STAFF RESPONSIBILITY

The qualified health care professional will evaluate the inmate using approved protocols in order to determine the most appropriate care plan, which will be based on the patient's history, current physical status and treatment needs. Any patient who cannot be safely treated in the facility will be referred to an appropriate treatment facility off-site.

716.5 PROCEDURE

Inmates who are observed experiencing severe, life-threatening intoxication (overdose) or withdrawal symptoms will be promptly seen by a physician or referred to an off-site emergency facility for treatment. Detoxification shall be conducted under medical supervision at the facility or in a hospital or community detoxification center under appropriate security conditions.

If the qualified health care professional determines that an inmate is at risk for progression to a more severe level of withdrawal, the inmate will be appropriately housed in an area where he/she can be kept under close observation by qualified health care professionals.

716.6 WITHDRAWAL AND DETOXIFICATION PROTOCOLS

Protocols are available to the qualified health care professionals to guide the care and treatment of individuals who are intoxicated or experiencing drug and/or alcohol withdrawal. These protocols, which have been developed and approved by the Responsible Physician, fall within nationally accepted guidelines and are reviewed annually.

When dealing with inmates who are in a custody situation, qualified health care professionals shall utilize detoxification protocols in accordance with local, state and federal laws.

No direct supervision is required at the time of identifying and initiating care. Overall supervision is provided by the Responsible Physician. Qualified health care professionals shall evaluate and provide care to patients utilizing written procedures and/or physician orders.

716.7 ALCOHOL WITHDRAWAL SYMPTOMS CHART

The following chart describes typical symptoms of mild, moderate and severe withdrawal. It is to be used as a guide for determining when to refer inmates to a qualified health care professional. Not all symptoms are always present.

	MILD	MODERATE	SEVERE (Delirium Tremens)
ANXIETY	Mild restlessness and anxiety	Obvious motor restlessness	Extreme restlessness and agitation with appearance of intense fear is common

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APPETITE	Impaired appetite	Marked anorexia	Often rejects all food and fluid except alcohol
BLOOD PRESSURE	Normal or slightly elevated systolic	Usually elevated systolic	Elevated systolic and diastolic
CONFUSION	Oriented, no confusion	Variable confusion	Marked confusion and disorientation
CONVULSIONS	No	May occur	Severe convulsions are common
HALLUCINATIONS	No hallucinations	Often vague, transient, visual and auditory hallucinations and delusions, often with insight, often occurring only at night	Visual and occasional auditory hallucinations, usually of fearful or threatening content. Misidentification of persons and frightening delusions relating to hallucinatory experiences
MOTOR CONTROL	Inner "shaky"	Visible tremulousness	Gross uncontrollable shaking
NAUSEA	Nausea	Nausea and vomiting	Dry heaves and vomiting
PULSE	Tachycardia	Pulse 100-120	Pulse 120-140
SLEEP		Marked insomnia and nightmares	Total wakefulness
SWEATING	Restless sleep or insomnia	Obvious	Extreme

Clinical Decisions

717.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy recognizes that a coordinated effort between the Responsible Physician and the Jail Commander is needed to ensure an adequate health care system. It emphasizes the importance of clinical decisions being the sole responsibility of the qualified health care professional.

717.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Clinical decisions - The process of formulating a differential diagnosis with information gathered from an inmate's medical history and physical and mental examinations, developing a list of possible causes and ordering tests to help refine the list or identify a specific disease.

Differential diagnosis - A systematic method of identifying unknowns or diagnosing a specific disease using a set of symptoms and testing as a process of elimination.

717.2 POLICY

Clinical decisions and actions regarding inmate health care are the sole responsibility of qualified health care professionals and should not be countermanded by others. The Responsible Physician shall be responsible for arranging for appropriate health resources and for determining what services are needed. The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall be responsible for providing the custodial support to ensure a safe and secure environment for the delivery of the services and its accessibility to the inmates (15 CCR 1200(a); 15 CCR 1206(k)).

717.3 MEDICAL AUTONOMY

Clinical decisions shall be made only after a thorough evaluation of the patient's complaint and physical or mental condition. The implementation of clinical decisions is to be completed in an effective and safe manner that does not violate the security regulations of the facility.

717.4 PROBLEM RESOLUTION

Any issues arising because of the clinical decision process shall be reviewed using medical records, grievances, staff complaints and any other relevant data.

Licensure, Certification, and Registration Requirements

718.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to recognize that inmates are entitled to health care services that are provided by qualified health care professionals working within the scope of their respective licensure, certification, registration, and training. This policy also establishes a credentials verification process.

718.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office that all qualified health care professionals who provide health care services to inmates meet the same standards as those working in the community, including required licenses, certifications, and restrictions, including those defining the recognized scope of practice specific to the profession (15 CCR 1203). Job descriptions shall include minimum qualifications and specific duties and responsibilities, and shall be approved by the Responsible Physician.

The current credentials and job descriptions for all qualified health care professionals are on file at the facility and retained in accordance with established records retention schedules.

Any health care provided to inmates at the facility that is not provided by a physician is provided in accordance with a standing order or direct order issued by personnel qualified under governing laws to give such orders (15 CCR 1203; 15 CCR 1204).

718.3 CREDENTIALING AND FILE MAINTENANCE

A completed file of current licenses, certifications, registration, reference checks, and applications shall be maintained by the Responsible Physician or the authorized designee at this facility.

- (a) The Responsible Physician or the authorized designee should obtain confirmation of current licensure, certification, and registration prior to making any offer of employment.
- (b) Inquiries into any sanctions or disciplinary actions of state boards, employers, and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services' National Practitioner Data Bank should be conducted prior to making any offer of employment.
- (c) Individuals should be required to pass a job-related, pre-employment background investigation. Employment references may be obtained via mail or over the telephone with documentation.
- (d) Each employee should be held responsible for providing renewal verification of licenses, certificates, and registration prior to the expiration date.
- (e) Any group or individual providing health care services must complete the credentialing process that is appropriate for their profession and must be able to provide the facility

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a copy of current licensure and, when appropriate, a Drug Enforcement Administration certificate to prescribe controlled substances.

- (f) To be eligible for hire, all clinical health care personnel must possess and maintain a current CPR certification and provide documentation to the Responsible Physician or the authorized designee.

718.4 STUDENTS AND/OR INTERNS

If the health care services provided to an inmate are performed by any intern, resident, or student who is authorized to provide specific health care services as part of a formal medical training program, the individuals in training will work under the control and supervision of a qualified health care professional. Assigned tasks shall be commensurate with the intern, student, or resident's level of training.

There shall be a written agreement between the facility and the entity sponsoring the training program that covers the scope of work, duration of the agreement, and any legal or liability issues.

Any student, intern, or resident working in the facility shall participate in a facility orientation that includes but is not limited to topics such as fire safety, facility security, items considered contraband, and inmate culture.

All students, interns, or residents shall be required to agree in writing to abide by all facility policies, including those relating to hostages, facility security, and the confidentiality of information.

All training provided, written agreements, and/or contracts shall be maintained in the intern, resident, or student's file by the Responsible Physician or the authorized designee in accordance with established records retention schedules.

Forensic Evidence

726.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to maintain credibility between the inmates and the facility's qualified health care professionals by establishing clear guidelines restricting facility health care professionals from participating in the collection of forensic evidence for disciplinary or legal proceedings.

726.1.1 DEFINITION

Definitions related to this policy include:

Forensic evidence - Physical or psychological data collected from an inmate that may be used against the inmate in disciplinary or legal proceedings.

726.2 POLICY

Qualified health care professionals of this facility are generally prohibited from participating in the collection of forensic evidence or performing psychological evaluations for disciplinary or legal proceedings.

Qualified health care professionals of this facility should not be involved in the collection of forensic evidence except when complying with state laws requiring the collection of blood samples from inmates, provided the inmate has consented to the procedure and staff are not involved in any punitive action against the inmate.

Qualified health care professionals of this facility may collect blood or urine for testing for alcohol or drugs when it is done for medical purposes and under a physician's order. Qualified health care professionals of this facility may conduct inmate-specific, court-ordered laboratory tests and examinations or radiology procedures with the consent of the inmate.

Qualified health care professionals of this facility are prohibited from being involved in the following procedures:

- (a) Body cavity searches
- (b) Psychological evaluations for use in adversarial proceedings
- (c) Blood draws for lab studies ordered by the court, without inmate consent
- (d) Any medical procedure, except emergency lifesaving measures, that does not have the inmate's written consent

It shall be the responsibility of the Sheriff or the authorized designee to arrange for appropriately trained professionals to collect forensic evidence for disciplinary or legal proceedings.

Oral Care

727.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The intent of this policy is to ensure that inmates have access to dental care and treatment for serious dental needs. While the focus of this policy is primarily on urgent and emergent dental care, as with medical or mental health care, dental care is available based upon patient need.

727.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Infection control practices - Are defined by the American Dental Association (ADA) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as including sterilizing instruments, disinfecting equipment and properly disposing of hazardous waste.

Oral care - Includes instruction in oral hygiene, examinations and treatment of dental problems. Instruction in oral hygiene minimally includes information on plaque control and the proper brushing of teeth.

Oral examination - Includes taking or reviewing the patient's oral history, an extra-oral head and neck examination, charting of teeth, and examination of the hard and soft tissue of the oral cavity with a mouth mirror, explorer and adequate illumination.

Oral screening - Includes visual observation of the teeth and gums, and notation of any obvious or gross abnormalities requiring immediate referral to a dentist.

Oral treatment - Includes the full range of services that in the supervising dentist's judgment are necessary for proper mastication and for maintaining the inmate's health status.

727.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office that oral care is provided under the direction of a dentist licensed in this state and that care is timely and includes immediate access for urgent or painful conditions. There are established priorities for care when, in the dentist's judgment, the inmate's health would otherwise be adversely affected (15 CCR 1215).

727.3 ACCESS TO DENTAL SERVICES

Emergency and medically required dental care is provided to each inmate upon request. Dental services are not limited to extractions. It is the goal of dental services to alleviate pain and suffering, ensure that inmates do not lose teeth merely as a consequence of incarceration and to provide appropriate dental service whenever medically required to maintain nutrition (15 CCR 1215).

Access to dental services should be as follows:

- (a) All inmates wishing to see the dentist for a non-emergency issue shall complete a sick call form. Requests should be triaged according to the nature and severity of the problem and should be seen by a dentist according to assigned priority. Inmates

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requesting dental services on weekends or after hours will initially be evaluated by a qualified health care professional and referred appropriately.

- (b) If an inmate suffers obvious trauma or other dental emergency, the qualified health care professional may arrange for immediate access to a dentist or may transfer the inmate to an emergency room for treatment.
- (c) Inmates who are furloughed or sentenced to work release or another form of community release may see their own dentist pursuant to approval of scheduling arrangements with facility medical and custody staff. The inmate will be financially responsible for any payment. The Office is under no obligation to the inmate to this appointment.
- (d) Records documenting all dental treatment should be maintained in the inmate's medical record file and retained in accordance with established records retention schedules. Examination results should be recorded on a uniform dental record using a numbered system.
- (e) Medications prescribed by a dentist should be administered in accordance with pharmacy procedures and documented in the inmate's medical record.
- (f) Necessary dental services identified by a dentist that are not available on-site should be provided by referral to community resources as deemed necessary by the facility dentist.

727.4 DENTAL CARE OPTIONS

Inmates should be offered a dental screening by a qualified health care professional or a dentist within 14 days of incarceration, unless such a screening was completed within the past six months. This dental screening should include an evaluation of the current dental status and instruction on oral hygiene and preventive oral education.

Inmates should be offered a dental examination, supported by diagnostic X-rays if necessary, by a dentist within 12 months of incarceration.

Inmates who are scheduled to be incarcerated for less than 12 months should have access to the treatment of dental pain, fillings, extractions of non-restorable teeth, cleaning and treatment of symptomatic areas and repair of partials and dentures.

Release Planning

728.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This office recognizes that inmates may require information and assistance with health care follow-up upon release from custody. The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines to assist staff with providing resources for the continuity of an inmate's health care after he/she is released from custody.

728.1.1 DEFINITION

Definitions related to this policy include:

Release planning - The process of providing sufficient resources for the continuity of health care to an inmate before his/her release to the community.

728.2 POLICY

The qualified health care professional should work with correctional staff to ensure that inmates who have been in custody for 30 or more days and have pending release dates, as well as serious health, dental or mental health needs, are provided with medication and health care resources sufficient for the inmate to seek health care services once released.

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall be responsible for ensuring that release preparation curriculum and materials are developed and maintained for this purpose, and that community resource information is kept current. Release planning should include:

- (a) Resources for community-based organizations that provide health care services, housing, funding streams, employment and vocational rehabilitation.
- (b) Lists of community health professionals.
- (c) Discussions with the inmate that emphasize the importance of appropriate follow-up care.
- (d) Specific appointments and medications that are arranged for the inmate at the time of release.

728.3 PREPARATION FOR RELEASE

Upon notification of the imminent release of an inmate who has been identified as having serious medical or mental health needs, release planning shall include the following:

- (a) A medical screening shall be conducted to assess the inmate's immediate medical needs, and arrangements should be made for community follow-up where needed, including sufficient medication.
- (b) With the inmate's written consent, the qualified health care professional should:
 - 1. Share necessary information with health care services.
 - 2. Arrange for follow-up appointments.

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3. Arrange for the transfer of health summaries and relevant parts of the health record to community health care services or others who are assisting in planning for or providing services upon the inmate's release.
 - (c) Contact with community health care services shall be documented via an administrative note in the inmate's health record.
 - (d) Inmates with serious mental health issues, including those receiving psychotropic medication, shall be informed about community options for continuing treatment and provided with follow-up appointments, when reasonably possible.
 - (e) Medication will be provided as appropriate.

728.4 RELEASE PLANNING RECORDS

All records of community referrals, transfer forms, logs, documentation of release planning, lists of medication provided, records release authorization forms and any other relevant documents shall be maintained in the inmate's health file and retained in accordance with established records retention schedules.

Privacy of Care

729.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy recognizes that inmates have a right to privacy and confidentiality regarding their health-related issues. It also recognizes inmates' right to health care services that are provided in such a manner as to ensure that privacy and confidentiality, and encourage inmates use and trust of the facility's health care system.

729.1.1 DEFINITION

Definitions related to this policy include:

Clinical encounters - Interactions between inmates and health care professionals involving a treatment and/or an exchange of confidential health information.

729.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office that, in order to instill confidence in the health care system by the inmate population, all discussions of health-related issues and clinical encounters, absent an emergency situation, will be conducted in a setting that respects the inmate's privacy and encourages the inmate's continued use of health care services.

729.3 CLINICAL EVALUATIONS

Emergency evaluations and rendering of first aid should be conducted at the site of the emergency, if reasonably practicable, with transfer to the medical clinic or emergency room as soon as the inmate is stabilized.

Inmates shall have a same-sex escort for encounters with an opposite-sex qualified health care professional or health-trained staff member, as appropriate.

Custody personnel should only be present in the exam room to provide security if the inmate poses a risk to the safety of the qualified health care professional or others.

729.4 REPORTING INAPPROPRIATE ACCESS OF MEDICAL INFORMATION

The Jail Commander and Responsible Physician shall establish a process for staff, inmates or any other persons to report the improper access or use of medical records.

729.5 TRAINING

All corrections personnel, interpreters and qualified health care professionals who are assigned to a position that enables them to observe or hear qualified health care professional/inmate encounters shall receive appropriate training on the importance of maintaining confidentiality when dealing with inmate health care.

Chapter 8 - Environmental Health

Vermin and Pest Control

805.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish inspection, identification and eradication processes designed to keep vermin and pests controlled in accordance with the requirements established by all applicable laws, ordinances and regulations of the local public health entity.

805.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office that vermin and pests be controlled within the facility (15 CCR 1280). The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall be responsible for developing and implementing this policy, in cooperation with the Responsible Physician and the local public health entity, for the sanitation and control of vermin and pests, and to establish medical protocols for treating inmate clothing, personal effects and living areas, with specific guidelines for treating an infested inmate (15 CCR 1264).

805.3 PEST CONTROL SERVICES

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall be responsible for procuring the services of a licensed pest control professional to perform inspections of the facility at least monthly and to treat areas as required to ensure that vermin and pests are controlled.

805.4 PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Many infestations and infections are the result of a recently admitted inmate who is vermin infested or whose property is vermin infested. Most infestations are spread by direct contact with an infected person or with infested clothing and bedding. Inmates with lice or mites should be treated with approved pediculicides as soon as the infestation is identified to avoid spreading it. To reduce the chance of further transmission, separate quarters for inmates undergoing treatment for lice should be used as described in the Communicable Diseases Policy.

Because the use of the treatment chemicals can cause allergic reactions and other negative effects, treatment should be done only when an infestation is identified and not as a matter of routine.

Clothing, bedding and other property that is suspected of being infested shall either be removed from the facility or cleaned and treated by the following methods, as appropriate or as directed by the pest control provider or the Responsible Physician (15 CCR 1264):

- Washing in water at 140 degrees for 20 minutes
- Tumbling in a clothes dryer at 140 degrees for 20 minutes
- Dry cleaning
- Storing in sealed plastic bags for 30 days
- Treating with an insecticide specifically labeled for this purpose

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Head lice and their eggs are generally found on the head hairs. There may be some uncertainty about the effectiveness of some available pediculicides to kill the eggs of head lice. Therefore, some products recommend a second treatment seven to 10 days after the first. During the interim, before the second application, eggs of head lice could hatch and there is a possibility that lice could be transmitted to others.

Pubic lice and their eggs are generally found on the hairs of the pubic area and adjacent hairy parts of the body, although they can occur on almost any hairy part of the body, including the hair under the arm and on the eyelashes.

Pubic lice and their eggs are generally successfully treated by the available pediculicides. However, when the eyelashes are infested with pubic lice and their eggs, a physician should perform the treatment.

Successful treatment depends on careful inspection of the inmate and proper application of the appropriate product. The area used to delouse inmates needs to be separate from the rest of the facility. All of the surfaces in the treatment area must be sanitized. There must be a shower as part of the delousing area.

The treating medical personnel shall document the date of treatment, the area treated, the pest treated and the treatment used.

805.5 LABELING AND SECURE STORAGE OF COMPOUNDS

Containers of pest exterminating compounds shall be conspicuously labeled for identification of contents. The containers shall be securely stored separately from food and kitchenware, and shall not be accessible by inmates.

Inmate Hygiene

807.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy outlines the procedures that will be taken to ensure the personal hygiene of every inmate in the Butte County Sheriff's Office correctional facility is maintained. The Butte County Sheriff's Office recognizes the importance of each inmate maintaining acceptable personal hygiene practices by providing adequate bathing facilities, hair care services and the issuance and exchange of clothing, bedding, linens, towels and other necessary personal hygiene items.

807.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Butte County Sheriff's Office facility to maintain a high standard of hygiene in compliance with the requirements established by all state laws, ordinances and regulations (15 CCR 1069(b)(3)). Compliance with laws and regulations relating to good inmate hygiene practice is closely linked with good sanitation practices. Therefore, the need to maintain a high level of hygiene is not only for the protection of all inmates, but for the safety of the correctional staff, volunteers, contractors and visitors.

807.3 RESPONSIBILITIES

The Jail Commander shall ensure the basic necessities related to personal care are provided to each inmate upon entry into the general population. Appropriate additional personal care items may be available for purchase from the inmate commissary.

807.4 STORAGE SPACE

There should be adequate and appropriate storage space for inmates' bedding, linen or clothing. The inventory of clothing, bedding, linen and towels should exceed the maximum inmate population so that a reserve is always available (15 CCR 1263).

The facility should have clothing, bedding, personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies and any other items required for the daily operation of the facility, including the exchange or disposal of soiled or depleted items. The assigned staff shall ensure that the storage areas are properly maintained and stocked. The Jail Commander should be notified if additional storage space is needed.

807.4.1 BEDDING ISSUE

Upon entering a living area of the Butte County Sheriff's Office correctional facility, every inmate who is expected to remain overnight shall be issued bedding and linens including but not limited to (15 CCR 1270):

- (a) Sufficient freshly laundered blankets to provide comfort under existing temperature conditions. Blankets shall be exchanged and laundered in accordance with facility operational laundry rules.
- (b) One clean, firm, nontoxic, fire-retardant mattress (16 CFR 1633.1 et seq.).

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1. Mattresses will be serviceable and enclosed in an easily cleanable, nonabsorbent material and conform to the size of the bunk. Mattresses will be cleaned and disinfected when an inmate is released or upon reissue.
 2. Mattresses shall meet the most recent requirements of the State Fire Marshal, the Bureau of Home Furnishings' test standard for penal mattresses, and any other legal standards at the time of purchase (15 CCR 1272).
- (c) Three sheets or one sheet and a clean mattress cover.
- (d) Three clean bath towels.
- (e)

Linen laundering, including towels, shall occur at least weekly and shall be documented in the daily activity log (15 CCR 1271). The Watch Commander shall review the daily activity log at least once per shift.

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall conduct both scheduled and unannounced inspections of the facility to ensure that bedding issuance policies and procedures are carried out in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

807.4.2 CLOTHING ISSUE

An inmate admitted to the facility for 72 hours or more and assigned to a living unit shall be issued a set of facility clothing. The issue of clothing appropriate to the climate for inmates shall include but is not limited to the following (15 CCR 1260):

- Clean socks
- Clean outer garments
- Clean undergarments
 - Males - shorts and undershirt
 - Females - bra and two pairs of panties
- Footwear

Enough clothing will be issued as to allow inmates the ability to change their clothes twice each week, at a minimum (15 CCR 1262). All laundering opportunities shall be documented on the daily activity log. The Watch Commander or unit supervisor shall review the daily activity log at least once per shift.

Additional clothing may be issued as necessary for changing weather conditions or as seasonally appropriate. An inmate's personal undergarments and footwear may be substituted for the institutional undergarments and footwear, provided there is a legitimate medical necessity for the items and they are approved by the medical staff.

Each inmate assigned to a special work area, such as food services, medical, farm, sanitation, mechanical, and other specified work, shall be clothed in accordance with the requirements of the

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job, including any appropriate protective clothing and equipment, which shall be exchanged as frequently as the work assignment requires (15 CCR 1261).

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall conduct both scheduled and unannounced inspections of the facility to ensure that clothing issuance policies and procedures are carried out in accordance with the applicable laws and regulations.

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall ensure that the facility maintains a sufficient inventory of extra clothing to ensure each inmate shall have neat and clean clothing appropriate to the season.

An inmate's excess personal clothing shall be picked up by to a designated family member or stored in containers designed for such purpose. All inmate personal property shall be properly identified, inventoried, and secured. Inmates shall sign and receive a copy of the inventory record.

807.5 LAUNDRY SERVICES

Laundry services shall be managed so that daily clothing, linen and bedding needs are met.

807.6 INMATE ACCOUNTABILITY

To ensure inmate accountability, inmates are required to exchange item for item when clean clothing, bedding and linen exchange occurs.

Prior to being placed in a housing unit, inmates shall be offered an inmate handbook listing this requirement.

807.7 PERSONAL HYGIENE OF INMATES

Personal hygiene items, hair care services, and facilities for showers will be provided in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. This is to maintain a standard of hygiene among inmates in compliance with the requirements established by state laws as part of a healthy living environment.

Each inmate held more than 24 hours, who is unable to supply him/herself with the following personal care items because of either indigency or the absence of an inmate canteen, shall be issued the following items (15 CCR 1265):

- Toothbrush
- Dentifrice
- Soap
- Comb
- Shaving implements
- Females - sanitary napkins, panty liners, and tampons as requested

Inmates shall not be required to share any personal care items listed in items "a" through "d."

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The Jail Commander or the authorized designee may modify this list to accommodate the use of liquid soap and shampoo dispensers. Personal hygiene items should be appropriate for the inmate's sex. Additional hygiene items shall be provided to inmates upon request, as needed.

Inmates shall not be required to share personal care items or disposable razors (15 CCR 1265). Used razors are to be disposed into approved sharps containers. Other barbering equipment capable of breaking the skin must be disinfected between individual uses, as prescribed by the California Board of Barbering and Cosmetology to meet the requirements of 16 CCR 979 and 16 CCR 980 (15 CCR 1267(c)).

Inmates, except those who may not shave for reasons of identification in court, shall be allowed to shave daily (15 CCR 1267(b)). The Jail Commander or the authorized designee may suspend this requirement for any inmate who is considered a danger to him/herself or others.

807.8 BARBER AND COSMETOLOGY SERVICES

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall be responsible for developing and maintaining a schedule for hair care services provided to the inmate population and will have written policies and procedures for accessing these services (see the Grooming Policy). The Jail Commander shall ensure that the rules are included in the inmate handbook.

807.8.1 SCHEDULE FOR HAIR CARE SERVICES

Inmates shall have the ability to receive hair care services once per month (15 CCR 1267(b)). Records of hair care services shall be documented.

Prior to being placed in a housing unit, inmates will be offered an inmate handbook, which details how to request hair care services.

807.9 AVAILABILITY OF PLUMBING FIXTURES

Inmates confined to cells or sleeping areas shall have access to toilets and washbasins with hot and cold running water that is temperature controlled. Access shall be available at all hours of the day and night without staff assistance.

The minimum number of plumbing fixtures provided for inmates in housing units is:

- One sink/washbasin for every 10 inmates (24 CCR 1231.3.2(2)).
- One toilet to every 10 inmates (urinals may be substituted for up to one-third of the toilets in facilities for male inmates) (24 CCR 1231.3.1).

807.10 INMATE SHOWERS

Inmates will be allowed to shower upon assignment to a housing unit and at least every other day thereafter, or more often if possible (15 CCR 1266). There should be one shower for every 20 inmates unless federal, state, or local building or health codes differ. Showering facilities for inmates housed at this facility shall be clean and properly maintained. Water temperature shall be periodically measured to ensure a range of 100 to 120 degrees for the safety of inmates and staff, and shall be recorded and maintained (24 CCR 1231.3.4).

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Transgender and intersex inmates shall be given the opportunity to shower separately from other inmates (28 CFR 115.42).

807.11 DELOUSING MATERIALS

Delousing materials and procedures shall be approved through consultation with the Responsible Physician or qualified health care professionals.

807.12 ADDITIONAL PRIVACY REQUIREMENTS

Inmates shall be permitted to shower, perform bodily functions, and change clothing without non-medical staff of the opposite sex viewing their breasts, buttocks, or genitalia, except in exigent circumstances or when such viewing is incidental to routine cell checks. Staff of the opposite sex shall announce their presence when entering an inmate housing unit (28 CFR 115.15).

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Inmate Welfare Fund

1001.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The Office is authorized to maintain a fund derived from proceeds from the commissary, telephones and other inmate-related commerce activities to be used primarily to provide welfare and education programs for the benefit of the inmate population.

1001.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office to maintain and administer an Inmate Welfare Fund that supports inmate programs.

1001.3 INMATE WELFARE FUND

The Jail Commander, in cooperation with the Business Affairs, will establish and maintain an Inmate Welfare Fund where proceeds derived from inmate telephones, commissary profits, vending machines and other income intended for the support of inmate programs are deposited.

The Inmate Welfare Fund is allocated to support a variety of programs, services and activities benefiting the general inmate population and enhancing inmate activities and programs. This includes capital construction and improvement projects in support of such programs, services and activities (Penal Code § 4025).

1001.4 INMATE WELFARE FUNDING SOURCES

Revenues and funding from the following sources shall be deposited into the Inmate Welfare Fund account:

- (a) All proceeds from commissary and canteen operations
- (b) Proceeds from the operation of inmate telephones
- (c) Donations
- (d) Interest income earned by the Inmate Welfare Fund

1001.5 EXPENDITURE OF INMATE WELFARE FUNDS

The Inmate Welfare Fund shall be used solely for the welfare and benefit of the inmate population or as otherwise permitted by law.

Expenditures permitted from the Inmate Welfare Fund include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) Education programs
- (b) Recreational goods and services, such as:
 - 1. Recreational equipment, games and sporting goods
 - 2. Televisions and cable/satellite subscriptions, video players and content media
 - 3. Library books

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4. Salary and benefit costs for personnel while they are employed in positions or are performing activities solely for the benefit of inmates or to facilitate inmate programs
 - (c) Welfare packages for indigent inmates
 - (d) Alcohol and drug treatment programs
 - (e) Office facility canteens.
 - (f) Inmate trust accounting system
 - (g) Envelopes, postage and personal hygiene items for indigent inmates
 - (h) Approved non-prescription, over-the-counter health aids for inmate use
 - (i) Libraries designated for inmate use
 - (j) Visiting room equipment, supplies and services
 - (k) Inmate activity programs, including:
 1. Equipment for television viewing
 2. Activities equipment, supplies and services
 3. Repair of equipment purchased from the Inmate Welfare Fund
 4. Food or supplies for special occasions
 5. Entertainment equipment, cable or satellite subscription services and other related supplies
 6. Materials for faith-based programs

1001.5.1 EXPENDITURE FOR REENTRY PROGRAMS

Expenditures from the Inmate Welfare Fund are also permitted for programs that assist indigent inmates with the reentry process within 30 days of release. These programs include work placement, counseling, obtaining proper identification, education and housing (Penal Code § 4025.5).

1001.5.2 PROHIBITED EXPENDITURES OF INMATE WELFARE FUND

Except as permitted by law, the Inmate Welfare Fund shall not be used to fund activities associated with any of the following:

- (a) Security-related functions, including staff, safety equipment, radios, weapons or control devices that are specifically designated for use by the custody staff in maintaining the security, safety and order in the facility
- (b) Food service, staff costs, equipment and supplies
- (c) Medical/dental services, staff costs, equipment and supplies
- (d) Maintenance and upkeep of office facilities not otherwise permitted by law
- (e) Janitorial services and supplies

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- (f) Transportation to court, medical appointments or other reasons not related to inmate programs
- (g) Any other normal operating expenses incurred by the day-to-day operation of the Office

1001.6 FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING OF INMATE WELFARE FUNDS

The Jail Commander in cooperation with the Business Affairs shall maintain an accounting system to be used for purchasing goods, supplies and services that support inmate programs (see the Financial Practices Policy).

1001.6.1 ANNUAL REPORTING

The Jail Commander is responsible for ensuring an annual report of expenditures from the Inmate Welfare Fund is submitted annually to the County Board of Supervisors (Penal Code § 4025).

Inmate Accounts

1002.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes guidelines and procedures for managing, handling and accounting of all money belonging to inmates that is held for their personal use while they are incarcerated in this facility.

1002.2 INMATE ACCOUNTS

The Office will establish an inmate account for the purpose of receiving funds from authorized sources for inmate use. A separate account will be established for each inmate when he/she is booked into this facility.

When an inmate is admitted to the jail, a written, itemized inventory of the money in the inmate's possession shall be completed and a receipt will be provided to the inmate. Any subsequent deposits to the inmate's fund shall be done via telephone, online or lobby kiosk.

An inmate may use money in his/her inmate account for bail or to purchase items from the inmate commissary. Inmates may release money while in custody for emergency purposes only, circumstances are reviewed by the Operations Lieutenant. Funds will be made available to inmates for their use in accordance with the rules and regulations established by the Jail Commander.

1002.3 FUNDING SOURCES

The inmate account will only accept funds for deposit from approved sources.

1002.3.1 DEPOSITS DURING BOOKING

All money received during the booking process shall be deposited to the inmate's account. The inmate will then sign an acknowledgement agreeing to the amount.

1002.3.2 DEPOSITS THROUGH THE MAIL

No funds will be accepted by mail to be deposited to an inmate's account.

Only exception is some checks issued by federal, state, county or city government agencies that are received through the mail may be acceptable for deposit into inmate accounts. All personal checks, payroll checks and other unapproved monies will be forwarded to the personal property storage area and placed in the inmate's property bag.

1002.3.3 VISITOR DEPOSITS

Visitors may deposit funds into an inmate's account via the lobby kiosk. The lobby window attendant will not accept cash or money orders for deposit to an inmate's account.

Inmates will not be allowed to accumulate large sums of money in their account other than for the purpose of bail. Deposits bringing the inmate's balance over \$950 must be approved by the Jail Commander.

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1002.4 AUTHORIZATION FOR SELF-BAIL

Inmates wishing to use their personal funds as bail must sign an Authorization for release of funds from their account. This transaction document must be received by the Correctional Technician before the inmate's account can be debited and a receipt issued.

1002.5 RELEASE OF FUNDS TO OTHER PERSONS

Inmates wishing to release all or part of their personal funds to a person who is not in custody must sign a release of funds transaction document. Requests submitted within the first 15 days of confinement should generally be approved, unless criminal activity is suspected. The Operations Lieutenant's approval is required for requests of release of funds made after the inmate's initial 15 days of confinement. A Correctional Technician will prepare a check for the amount to be withdrawn, and will indicate to whom the money is to be released in the jail management system (JMS). The check will then be mailed to the intended recipient via the self-addressed stamped envelope provided by the inmate requesting the transaction..

1002.6 RELEASE FROM CUSTODY

During the release process, each inmate's account will be accessed and adjusted to show a zero balance. The inmate being released will receive a debit card or check containing his/her funds prior to exiting the jail facility.

1002.7 CASHIER RESPONSIBILITY

A Correctional Technician will verify all funds received at intake against the amounts recorded on the inmate property sheet.. The Correctional Technician will then post the funds to the inmate's account and prepare a receipt for the inmate.

At the end of every shift, each Correctional Technician shall be responsible for balancing all their transactions completed during the shift (only required for non-kiosk transactions).

Any unresolved discrepancies found during the balancing procedures shall be promptly reported. The Correctional Technician reporting the discrepancies shall prepare a report showing the amount of the discrepancy.

The report shall include the following:

- (a) Date and time each cash discrepancy was discovered
- (b) Amount of overage or shortage
- (c) Explanation of the cause of the overage/shortage
- (d) Documentation used to identify the error
- (e) Recovery attempts
- (f) Name of person reporting the discrepancy
- (g) Name of person approving the report and the date approved

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The responsible Sheriff Clerk shall initial confirming the deposit balances prior to submission to the Business Affairs for final review.

1002.8 SECURE BANKING OF INMATE FUNDS

All monies collected by custody personnel shall be secured daily in an officially designated and secure place.

1002.9 AUTOMATED KIOSKS

The use of automated kiosks for the deposit of monies into the inmate account or to transfer inmate monies for the purchase of commissary or other authorized items will meet the financial accounting requirements of this policy and other standard financial practices.

Counseling Services

1003.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a process for providing counseling and crisis intervention services to inmates.

1003.2 POLICY

This office will provide counseling and crisis intervention services to any inmate who either requests services or is determined by a health provider to be in need of counseling or crisis intervention services. These services may be provided by:

- (a) Medical/mental health staff assigned to the facility.
- (b) Faith-based counseling by a religious leader of the inmate's choice or religious volunteers (see the Religious Programs Policy).

The Jail Commander shall coordinate with the Responsible Physician to develop and confidentially maintain medical records of counseling and crisis intervention services provided to inmates and to ensure that those records are retained in accordance with established records retention schedules.

The Jail Commander shall ensure that sick slips and request forms are available and provided to inmates who request counseling services. All inmate requests for counseling shall be forwarded to the Medical Unit. If an inmate displays behavior indicating a need for counseling or crisis intervention services, the facility employee shall notify a medical provider and the Watch Commander. The medical provider shall assess the need and area of counseling and make a reasonable effort to provide the inmate with the requested counseling as soon as reasonably practicable with consideration given to facility security, scheduling and available resources. Inmates who are victims of a sexual abuse or harassment incident will be informed of the availability and continuity of counseling (28 CFR 115.82; 28 CFR 115.83).

1003.3 NON-CRISIS COUNSELING

The Office shall, when reasonably practicable, make counseling services available to assist inmates who are being released into the community.

Inmate Exercise and Recreation

1004.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines and procedures ensuring that the Butte County Sheriff's Office facility will have sufficiently scheduled exercise and recreation periods and sufficient space for these activities, as required by law.

1004.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

Exercise - The physical exertion of large muscle groups.

Recreation - Activities that may include table games, watching television or socializing with other individuals.

1004.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office to provide inmates with access to exercise opportunities, exercise equipment, and recreation activities in accordance with state laws or requirements.

1004.3 RESPONSIBILITIES

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall be responsible for ensuring there is sufficient secure space allocated for physical exercise and recreation, and that a schedule is developed to ensure accessibility to both activities for all inmates. At least three hours per week of exercise opportunities shall be provided (15 CCR 1065).

1004.4 ACCESS TO EXERCISE

Inmates shall have access to exercise opportunities and equipment, including access to physical exercise outside the cell and adjacent dayroom areas, and the opportunity to exercise outdoors when weather permits.

The facility staff shall use the approved daily log sheets to document when inmates of like classification status are offered exercise each day and shall record the offering of exercise to an inmate/housing unit, or that the inmate/housing unit has declined outside exercise.

Daily log sheets should be collected/reviewed monthly and non-electronic forms should be forwarded to the Operations Lieutenant for review. Log sheets shall be maintained in accordance with established records retention schedules.

1004.5 ACCESS TO RECREATION

Each inmate shall have access to the minimum state-required recreational (leisure-time) activities outside the cell and adjacent dayroom areas (15 CCR 1065). The length of time will be determined by the inmate's classification status, security concerns, and operational schedules that preclude recreation during a period of time (e.g., meal times, searches, lockdown, court). The staff should ensure that the maximum time possible is provided to the inmates for this purpose.

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Televisions, newspapers, table games, and other items may also be made available to enhance recreation time. Consideration will be given to the passive or active recreational needs of older inmates and inmates with disabilities.

1004.5.1 USE OF THE INMATE WELFARE FUND

Monies derived from the Inmate Welfare Fund may be used to purchase and maintain recreational equipment and supplies.

1004.6 SECURITY AND SUPERVISION

Staff shall be responsible for inspecting exercise and recreational equipment to ensure it appears safe for use. Broken equipment or equipment that is in an unsafe condition shall not be used.

The supervising staff may terminate the exercise or recreation period and escort back to the housing unit any inmate who continues to act in an aggressive or disorderly manner after being ordered to stop by the staff. Whenever an exercise or recreation period is involuntarily terminated, the staff will document the incident and rationale for terminating the exercise period. The Watch Commander will determine whether disciplinary action is warranted.

1004.7 EXERCISE SPACE

Exercise areas, as specified by federal, state, and/or local laws or requirements, should be sufficient to allow each inmate the required minimum of amount of exercise. Use of outdoor exercise is preferred but weather conditions may require the use of covered/enclosed space.

Inmates on segregation status shall have access to the same recreational facilities as other inmates unless security or safety considerations dictate otherwise. When inmates on segregation status are excluded from use of regular recreation facilities, the alternative area for exercise used shall be documented.

1004.8 INABILITY TO MEET REQUIREMENTS

In the event that the inmate population exceeds the ability of the facility to meet the exercise and recreation requirements, the facility should notify the governing body about the deficiency in space for exercise, that it may violate the law and/or the requirements, and request funds to remedy the situation. The facility should document all action taken to try to remedy the situation, including funding requests, population reduction requests and all responses to those requests.

Inmate Educational, Vocational and Rehabilitation Programs

1005.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This office provides educational and vocational programs that are designed to help inmates improve personal skills, assist in their social development and improve inmate employability after release. The ability of the office to offer educational programs is dictated by available funding, inmate classification and other required inmate programs and routines.

1005.2 POLICY

The educational and vocational programs offered by the Office are available to all eligible inmates and are subject to schedule, space, personnel and other resource constraints.

Designated space for inmate education and vocational programs will, whenever practicable, be designed in consultation with the appropriate school authorities or educational/vocational service providers.

Adequate funding is required. If the funding source reduces or eliminates funding in these areas, educational and/or vocational programs may be reduced or eliminated.

While the housing classification of an inmate has the potential to pose security issues, every effort, to the extent reasonably practicable, will be made to provide individualized educational opportunities (15 CCR 1061).

1005.3 ADMINISTRATIVE SERGEANT

The Sheriff or the authorized designee shall appoint an Administrative Sergeant, who shall be responsible for overseeing the contracted educational provider's managing of all aspects of the in-custody inmate educational and vocational program. Those duties include, but are not limited to:

- (a) Conducting an annual needs assessment to determine the type of programs needed to serve the inmate population.
- (b) Developing the program plans.
- (c) Developing or directing the curricula for each educational, vocational and testing component.
- (d) Developing and implementing individualized programs for high-risk or administrative inmates, as needed.
- (e) Coordinating with corrections staff regarding the security issues associated with these programs.
- (f) Developing and maintaining records of all needs assessments, all training offered, all inmate attendees, testing records and class evaluations.
- (g) Forecasting the annual cost of the program and coordinating with the budget office to secure funding.

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1005.4 COURSE OFFERINGS

Course offerings will be subject to need, available resources, security concerns, available space and inmate classification, and may include the following:

- Basic education, General Educational Development (GED) preparation
- Substance abuse and healthy lifestyles education
- Parenting courses
- Basic life skills
- Vocational skills such as:
 - Cooking and food services
- Other courses as deemed appropriate by the Administrative Sergeant

1005.5 OUTREACH

Information about educational opportunities should be included in the general inmate orientation. At a minimum, inmates should receive instruction on how to request participation in the inmate education programs, along with eligibility requirements and rules for participation.

1005.6 ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Educational/vocational programming (other than televised courses) may be offered to sentenced and pretrial inmates. The Sheriff shall ensure that there is equal opportunity for participation for male and female inmates.

1005.7 INMATE REQUESTS

Inmates should use a request form to request participation in the inmate education program. Inmate requests will be forwarded to the Administrative Sergeant, who will have the facility classification staff screen and approve the request.

The Administrative Sergeant will notify the inmate whether he/she has been approved for an education program. If approved, the Administrative Sergeant will provide instruction to the inmate on how to access the program services and will notify the affected facility staff about the inmate's scheduled attendance.

Inmates may also contact the Administrative Sergeant at any time via an inmate request form to request information regarding educational opportunities.

Inmates have the right to refuse to participate in programs other than work assignments or programs that are required by statute or court order.

1005.8 SELF-STUDY PROGRAM

Whenever reasonably feasible, the basic educational program may be presented by self-study and tutoring.

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The GED program consists of providing the necessary book for study reference. Studying is done at the inmate's own pace.

Upon completion of a GED self-study program, the inmate may be given the opportunity to take the GED test.

1005.9 DISCLAIMER

Nothing in this policy is meant to confer a legal right for inmates to participate in any educational offering. Educational programming is provided at the sole discretion of the Sheriff and Jail Commander.

1005.10 CLASSROOM USE AND DESIGN

The demographics of the inmate population should always be considered when developing educational and other programs. Inmate classification and separation requirements also need to be considered.

The Jail Commander should encourage and include educators in the set up and design of classrooms that have been identified for inmate education programs. To the extent reasonably possible, in consideration of the space design and the ability to provide adequate security, teachers, education managers and administrators should be consulted to ensure that their needs are met.

In addition to the traditional classroom approach to educational programming, there are other delivery methods, these include independent study.

Commissary Services

1006.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish a commissary program that will give inmates the opportunity to purchase specific items that are not provided to them while in custody.

1006.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office to provide commissary services so that inmates who are not on disciplinary restriction and who have funds posted to their inmate accounts may purchase items approved by the Jail Commander (Penal Code § 4025).

1006.3 COMMISSARY MANAGER RESPONSIBILITIES

The Jail Commander shall be responsible for designating a qualified person to act as the Commissary Manager (SWAP Sergeant). The Commissary Manager shall be responsible for the accounting and general operation of the commissary, which shall include but is not limited to:

- Maintaining current rules, regulations, and policies of the commissary and ensuring compliance by commissary staff.
- Managing inventory and processing orders in a timely manner.
- Performing weekly audits of high-security orders.
- Ensuring that all inmates who are approved to purchase commissary items are provided with a printed list of items that are available.

1006.4 COMMISSARY ACCOUNTING

The Watch Commander shall be responsible for ensuring that all inmates who have commissary privileges have the opportunity to order and receive commissary items in a timely manner.

All inmates shall be afforded the opportunity to review an accounting of their money held in their account, including deposits, debits, and commissary goods purchased and received. Any discrepancy of the inmate's funds shall be immediately reported to the Commissary Manager. If the Commissary Manager and the involved inmate cannot settle the discrepancy, the Jail Commander shall be notified and the Jail Commander will resolve the discrepancy.

1006.5 INMATE WELFARE PACKS

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall monitor the provision of welfare packs to indigent inmates. Welfare packs shall include but not be limited to:

- (a) At least two postage-paid envelopes and two sheet of paper each week to permit correspondence with family members and friends (see the Inmate Mail Policy).
- (b) Personal hygiene items, including toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, and other supplies deemed to be appropriate for indigent inmates.

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The Sheriff may expend money from the Inmate Welfare Fund to provide indigent inmates with essential clothing and limited transportation expenses upon release (Penal Code § 4025(i)).

1006.6 ANNUAL AUDIT OF THE COMMISSARY

The Commissary Manager should ensure that an annual audit of the commissary operation is conducted. The written report prepared by the auditor should be reviewed for accuracy by the Commissary Manager and provided to the Jail Commander.

All surplus funds from the commissary operation should be deposited into the Inmate Welfare Fund or used in a manner from which the inmates will benefit. They also may be deposited and used in accordance with expenditures authorized by the board of supervisors. An itemized report on expenditures shall be submitted annually to the board of supervisors (Penal Code § 4025 (e)).

Library Services

1007.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the funding of library services and for providing inmates access to leisure and legal reading materials.

1007.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this facility to operate a library service that provides leisure and legal reading materials to inmates.

1007.3 RESPONSIBILITIES

The Jail Commander and authorized designee, in cooperation with the Consent Decree Advocate is responsible for the administration of the recreational library services and Community Legal Information Center (CLIC). The Consent Decree Advocate should appoint qualified Chico State University (CSU) law interns to serve as librarian to run the daily legal library operation. Combined, the recreational and legal library services shall include access to legal reference materials, current information on community services and resources, and religious, educational, and recreational reading material (15 CCR 1064).

The Utility Officer shall ensure that reading materials are provided to the general housing units. The Facility Training Officer program manager will ensure any staff member assigned to assist with the delivery of library carts has received the appropriate training in facility safety and security practices.

Access to the inmate library or to library materials shall be based upon inmate classification, housing location, and other factors that legitimately relate to the safety and security of the facility.

1007.4 LIBRARY FUNDING AND MAINTENANCE

The Jail Commander may use monies from the Inmate Welfare Fund to offset the cost of salaries and the services and supplies necessary to operate the library. The Utility Officer may enlist the assistance of the local public library and other community organizations in order to maintain and update the library. Donated books and materials should be screened by the Utility Officer and/or SWAP Sergeant for allowable content and safety prior to being distributed to inmates.

The Office may reject library materials that may compromise the safety, security, and discipline in the operation of this facility (see the Inmate Mail Policy for examples of materials that may be rejected).

The library shall be operated within the physical, budgetary, and security limits of the existing facility.

Books and other reading material should be provided in languages that reflect the population of the facility. The Utility Officer is responsible for the distribution of recreational reading material.

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1007.5 LEISURE LIBRARY MATERIALS

Each inmate is allowed to have no more than two county owned books at any given time. Existing selections must be returned before new books may be selected by an inmate. Inmates who destroy or misuse books and library materials will be subject to disciplinary action and may be required to pay for the material. If staff believes the destruction was intentional, the matter may be referred for criminal prosecution.

1007.6 ACCESS TO LEGAL PUBLICATIONS/LAW LIBRARY

All inmates shall have reasonable access to the legal system, which may include access to legal reference materials. Pro per inmates shall have priority regarding access to legal publications.

Legal information that may be provided through the library includes but is not limited to:

- Criminal code sections.
- Copies of criminal and/or civil cases.
- Copies of judicial forms for criminal cases, civil cases, and general litigation.

Inmates desiring access to the library or legal publications shall submit a completed confidential sealed CLIC legal information request to the housing correctional deputy. Inmates in disciplinary separation shall have the same access to reading materials and legal materials as the general population unless a restriction is directed by the court.

The housing correctional deputy will collect completed CLIC request forms and deliver them to the CLIC distribution box. Upon receipt the librarian will log the request and arrange for the inmate to have access to the library or to legal research material requested if they are available and do not conflict with scheduling and security concerns. CLIC personnel will maintain records of access to legal references and whether the requests were fulfilled or denied.

Pro per inmates may keep minimal supplies for their case in their cells (e.g., paper, letters, reference materials), provided it does not create a fire hazard.

1007.7 ALTERNATE MEANS OF ACCESS TO LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Nothing in this policy shall confer a right to access to a law library and, unless it is specified by a court order, the Sheriff may provide access to the legal system by a variety of means that may include public or private legal research services (e.g., legal paging system).

Inmate Mail

1008.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to provide guidelines for the receipt, rejection, inspection and sending of inmate mail.

1008.2 POLICY

This office will provide ample opportunity for inmates to send and receive mail, subject to restriction only when there is a legitimate government interest.

1008.3 MAIL GENERALLY

Inmates may, at their own expense, send and receive mail without restrictions on quantity, provided it does not jeopardize the safety of staff, visitors, or other inmates, or pose an unreasonable disruption to the orderly operation of the facility.

However, inmates are only allowed to store a limited amount of mail in their cells as determined by the Jail Commander. Excess mail will be stored with the inmate's personal property and returned at his/her release.

1008.4 CONFIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

Inmates may correspond confidentially with courts, legal counsel, officials of this office, elected officials, the Department of Corrections, other law enforcement agencies, jail inspectors, government officials, or officers of the court.

Foreign nationals shall have access to the diplomatic representative of their country of citizenship. Staff shall assist in this process upon request.

Facility staff may inspect incoming confidential correspondence for contraband. Facility staff may inspect outgoing confidential correspondence for contraband before it is sealed, provided the inspection is completed in the presence of the inmate. In the event that confidential correspondence is inspected, staff shall limit the inspection to a search for physical items that may be included in addition to the correspondence and shall not read the content of the correspondence itself (15 CCR 1063(c)).

1008.5 SUSPENSION/RESTRICTION OF MAIL PRIVILEGES

Mail privileges may be suspended or restricted upon approval of the Jail Commander whenever staff becomes aware of mail sent by an inmate that involves (15 CCR 1083(h)):

- (a) Threats of violence against any member of the government, judiciary, legal representatives, victims, or witnesses.
- (b) Incoming or outgoing mail representing a threat to the security of the facility, staff, or the public.

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The District Attorney or County Counsel should be consulted in cases where criminal charges are considered against an inmate or there is an apparent liability risk to the Office that relates to suspension or restriction of mail privileges.

1008.6 PROCESSING AND INSPECTION OF MAIL BY STAFF

Staff should process incoming and outgoing mail as expeditiously as reasonably possible. All incoming and outgoing mail should be processed within 24 hours and packages within 48 hours. Mail processing may be suspended on weekends, holidays, or during any emergency situation.

Assigned facility personnel should open and inspect all incoming and outgoing general mail of current inmates. The incoming correspondence may be read as frequently as deemed necessary to maintain security or monitor a particular problem. Mail for inmates no longer in custody should not be opened.

Outgoing general mail may not be sealed by the inmate and may be read by staff when:

- (a) There is reason to believe the mail would:
 - 1. Interfere with the orderly operation of the facility.
 - 2. Be threatening to the recipient.
 - 3. Facilitate criminal activity.
- (b) The inmate is on a restricted mail list.
- (c) The mail is between inmates.
- (d) The envelope has an incomplete return address.

When mail is found to be inappropriate in accordance with the provisions of this policy or when an inmate is sent material that is not prohibited by law but is considered contraband by the facility, the material may be returned to the sender or held in the inmate's property to be given to the inmate upon release.

Inmates are allowed to correspond with other inmates in this correctional facility, as well as other jails or correctional institutions, as long as they pay for the mailing and the mailing is sent and received through the U.S. Postal Service.

Mail logs and records, justification of censoring or rejection of mail, and copies of hold or return notices shall be maintained by the mail room personnel in accordance with established records retention schedules.

No cash, personal checks, or money orders contained in incoming inmate mail shall be removed and credited to the inmate's account, but may be returned to the sender or held in the inmate's property to be given to the inmate upon release.

1008.6.1 DESIGNATION OF STAFF AUTHORIZED TO READ MAIL

Only staff members designated by the Jail Commander are authorized to read incoming and outgoing non-confidential mail. These staff members should receive training on legitimate

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government interests for reading and censoring mail and related legal requirements (15 CCR 1063).

1008.6.2 CENSORSHIP OF INCOMING AND OUTGOING NON-CONFIDENTIAL CORRESPONDENCE

In making the determination of whether to censor incoming non-confidential correspondence, consideration shall be given to whether rejecting the material is rationally related to a legitimate government interest, and whether alternate means of communicating with others is available. The impact the correspondence may have on other inmates and jail staff is also a factor. Reasonable alternatives should be considered and an exaggerated response should be avoided; for example, discontinuing delivery of a magazine because of one article.

Outgoing non-confidential correspondence shall only be censored to further a substantial government interest, and only when it is necessary or essential to the address the particular government interest. Government interests that would justify confiscation of outgoing mail include:

- (a) Maintaining facility security.
- (b) Preventing dangerous conduct, such as an escape plan.
- (c) Preventing ongoing criminal activity, such as threats of blackmail or extortion, or other similar conduct.
- (d) Preventing harassment of those who have requested that no mail be sent to them by the inmate.

Correspondence and material identified for censorship shall be delivered to the Watch Commander, who shall make the decision if such mail will be censored.

Notices should be sent to the sender of censored correspondence or publications, even when the sender is the editor or publisher. A single notification may be sent if the publication is received by multiple inmates.

1008.6.3 DOCUMENTING REJECTED OR CENSORED CORRESPONDENCE

In each case where it is necessary to remove any item, or reject or censor correspondence, a written record must be made of such action, to include:

- (a) The inmate name and number.
- (b) A description of the mail in question.
- (c) A description of the action taken and the reason for such action.
- (d) The disposition of the item involved.
- (e) Signature of the office personnel.
- (f) Notification to the inmate and sender (unless such notification jeopardizes any investigation or the security of the facility).

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1008.7 BOOKS, MAGAZINES, NEWSPAPERS AND PERIODICALS

Unless otherwise in conflict with this policy and prohibited by the Jail Commander, inmates are permitted to purchase, receive and read any book, newspaper, periodical or writing accepted for distribution by the U. S. Postal Service (15 CCR 1066(a)).

Publications, magazines or newspapers shall be accepted only if they are mailed directly from the publisher to a named inmate.

1008.8 REJECTION OF MAGAZINES AND PERIODICALS

The Office may reject magazines, periodicals, and other materials that may inhibit the reasonable safety, security, and discipline in the daily operation of this facility. Generally, new paperback books, newspapers, and magazines are accepted only if they are sent directly by the publisher. Materials that may be rejected include but are not limited to (15 CCR 1066(a)):

- Materials that advocate violence or a security breach.
- Literature that could incite racial unrest.
- Sexually explicit material, including pornographic magazines, nude pictures, or pictures or descriptions of sexually explicit activities.
- Obscene publications or writings and mail containing information concerning where or how such matter may be obtained; any material that would have a tendency to incite murder, arson, riot, violent racism, or any other form of violence; any material that would have a tendency to incite crimes against children; any material concerning unlawful gambling or an unlawful lottery; any material containing information on the manufacture or use of weapons, narcotics, or explosives or any other unlawful activity.
- Material that could lead to sexual aggression or an offensive environment for inmates.
- Material that could create a hostile or offensive work environment.
- Any material with content that could reasonably demonstrate a legitimate government interest in rejecting the material.

Staff shall notify the Watch Commander whenever a decision is made to reject books, magazines, or periodicals. The Jail Commander or the authorized designee will be responsible for making the final decision as to the specific magazines, periodicals, and other materials that will be prohibited within this facility.

Religious texts not supplied by facility-authorized entities may be accepted by the Watch Commander or Administrative Sergeant to review such documents for distribution.

1008.9 FORWARDING OF MAIL

Any non-legal mail received for a former inmate should be returned to the sender with a notation that the inmate is not in custody. Obvious legal mail should be forwarded to the former inmate's new address if it is reasonably known to the facility. Otherwise, legal mail should be returned to the sender.

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1008.10 INDIGENT INMATE REQUESTS FOR WRITING MATERIALS

Indigent inmates shall receive writing materials on a weekly basis, as provided by an approved schedule established by the Jail Commander. Writing materials should include the following (15 CCR 1063):

- (a) At least two pre-stamped envelopes for correspondence with family and friends
- (b) At least two sheets of paper
- (c) One pencil

Indigent inmates shall receive an amount of pre-stamped envelopes and writing paper sufficient to maintain communication with courts, legal counsel, officials of this office, elected officials, jail inspectors, government officials, and officials of the Board of State and Community Corrections. Quantity of materials in possession may be monitored, but there shall be no limitation on the ongoing number of postage-paid envelopes and sheets of paper permitted for correspondence to the indigent inmate's attorney and to the courts (15 CCR 1063(e)).

Requests shall be screened and granted based on need by the Utility Officer in conference with the SWAP Sergeant.

Inmates should not be permitted to maintain an excess supply of writing materials without the approval of a supervisor.

Inmate Telephone Access

1009.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This policy establishes guidelines for permitting inmates to access and use telephones.

1009.2 POLICY

The Correctional Facility will provide access to telephones for use by inmates consistent with federal and state law. The Jail Commander or the authorized designee shall develop written procedures establishing the guidelines for access and usage (15 CCR 1067). All inmates will be provided a copy of the telephone usage rules as part of their inmate orientation during the booking process.

1009.3 PROCEDURE

Inmates housed in general population will be permitted reasonable access to public telephones at scheduled times in the dayrooms for collect calls unless such access may cause an unsafe situation for the facility, staff or other inmates. All calls, with the exception of calls to a verified attorney, are monitored and recorded.

Inmates are not permitted to receive telephone calls. Messages will only be delivered in the event of a verified emergency.

In the event of a facility emergency, or as directed by the supervisor or Jail Commander, all telephones will be turned off.

For security reasons, inmates who are awaiting transport to another facility or release to another agency are not permitted to use the telephones.

Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD) or equally effective telecommunications devices will be made available to inmates who are deaf, hard of hearing or have speech impairments to allow these inmates to have equivalent telephone access as those inmates without these disabilities.

The minimum time allowed per call should be 10 minutes, except where there are substantial reasons to justify such limitations. Reasons for denial of telephone access shall be documented on a facility incident report and a copy placed into the classification inmate's file. The rules governing the use of the telephone will, in addition to being provided to inmates during orientation, be posted near the telephones.

The staff should monitor the use of public telephones to ensure inmates have reasonable and equitable access and that the rules of use are observed. Any inmate refusing to cooperate with the telephone rules may have his/her call terminated, telephone privileges suspended and/or incur disciplinary action.

Requirements relating to the use of telephones during booking and reception are contained in the Inmate Reception Policy.

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1009.4 USE OF TELEPHONES IN HIGH-SECURITY OR ADMINISTRATIVE SEPARATION HOUSING

Inmates who are housed in high-security or administrative separation may use the public telephones in the dayroom during the time allocated for that classification of inmate to utilize that space. If portable telephones are available in the facility, inmates who are housed in high-security or administrative separation units may have reasonable access to the portable telephones.

1009.5 COURT-ORDERED TELEPHONE CALLS

If a court order specifying free telephone calls is received by the facility, or a supervisor determines there is a legitimate need for a free telephone call for a specific inmate, the supervisor may direct that an inmate use a facility telephone at no charge. Calls placed from a facility telephone should be dialed by a staff member. The staff shall be responsible for ensuring that the inmate is not calling a number that has been restricted by a court order or by request of the recipient. Such a call shall be documented on the "Out- of- Pod" telephone log.

1009.6 ATTORNEY-CLIENT TELEPHONE CONSULTATION

At all times through the period of custody, whether the inmate has been charged, tried, convicted or is serving an executed sentence, reasonable and non-recorded telephone access to an attorney shall be provided to the inmate at no charge to either the attorney or to the inmate, in accordance with the Inmate Access to Courts and Counsel Policy.

Foreign nationals shall be provided access to the diplomatic representative of their country of citizenship. Staff shall assist them upon request.

1009.7 TELEPHONE CONTRACTS AND CHARGES

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee is responsible for ensuring that all contracts involving telephone services for inmates comply with all applicable state and federal regulations, that rates and surcharges are commensurate with those charged to the general public for similar services, and that the broadest range of calling options is provided, in accordance with sound correctional management practices.

Inmate Visitation

1010.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish rules for visitation and to provide a process for inmate visits and visitors. Visitation is a privilege and is based on space availability, schedules and on-duty staffing.

1010.1.1 DEFINITIONS

Definitions related to this policy include:

In-person visit - An on-site visit that may include barriers. In-person visits include interactions in which an inmate has physical contact with a visitor, the inmate is able to see a visitor through a barrier, or the inmate is otherwise in a room with a visitor without physical contact. "In-person visit" does not include an interaction between an inmate and a visitor through the use of an on-site two-way audio/video terminal.

1010.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Butte County Sheriff's Office to allow inmate visitation as required by law.

1010.3 PROCEDURES

The Office shall provide adequate facilities for visiting that include appropriate space for the screening and searching of inmates and visitors.

The Jail Commander shall develop written procedures for inmate visiting, which shall provide for as many visits and visitors as facility schedules, space, and number of personnel will reasonably allow, with no fewer visits allowed than specified by 15 CCR 1062 per week, by type of facility. The procedures are subject to safety and security requirements and should consider:

- The facility's schedule.
- The space available to accommodate visitors.
- Whether an emergency or other conditions justify a limitation in visiting privileges.

The visiting area shall accommodate inmates and visitors with disabilities. Visitors with disabilities who request special accommodations shall be referred to a supervisor. Reasonable accommodations will be granted to inmates and disabled visitors to facilitate a visitation period.

Visitor logs and records shall be developed and maintained in accordance with established records retention schedules.

Court orders granting a special inmate visitation are subject to county legal review and interpretation.

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1010.3.1 VISITOR REGISTRATION AND IDENTIFICATION

All visitors must register and produce a valid state, military, tribal or other government identification. Identification will be considered valid for 90 days after expiration, provided the visitor has renewed the ID and has proof of the renewal.

- (a) The registration form must include the visitor's name, address and the relationship to the inmate.
- (b) A valid identification shall include the following:
 - 1. A photograph of the person
 - 2. A physical description of the person
- (c) An official visitor shall present proof of professional capacity. For example, attorney license/Supreme Court card, law enforcement identification or a business card/letterhead of the business with the visitor's name.

Failure or refusal to provide a valid identification is reason to deny a visit.

1010.3.2 VIDEO VISITATION NOT TO REPLACE IN-PERSON VISITATION

The Office may not substitute video visitation for in-person visitation to meet the requirements of 15 CCR 1062.

1010.4 AUTHORIZATION TO SEARCH VISITORS

Individuals who enter the secure perimeter of this facility are subject to search if there is reasonable cause to believe the visitor has violated the law, is wanted by a law enforcement agency, or is attempting to bring contraband onto the facility property or into the facility. All searches shall be made in accordance with current legal statutes and case law.

The area designated for a visitor to be searched prior to visiting with an inmate shall have a notice posted indicating that any cellular telephone, wireless communication device or any component thereof are prohibited from entering the visiting areas of this facility (Penal Code § 4576(b)(3)).

1010.5 VISITING SCHEDULE

The Jail Commander shall designate a person to develop a schedule for inmate professional and personal visitation that includes daytime, evening and weekend hours. Each inmate shall receive a copy of the visitation schedule in the inmate handbook at orientation. The visiting hours will also be posted in the public area of the facility.

1010.6 DENIAL OR TERMINATION OF VISITING PRIVILEGES

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee is responsible for defining, in writing, the conditions under which visits may be denied.

Visitation may be denied or terminated by a supervisor if the visitor poses a danger to the security of the facility or there is other good cause, including but not limited to the following:

- (a) The visitor appears to be under the influence of drugs and/or alcoholic beverages.

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- (b) The visitor refuses to submit to being searched.
- (c) The visitor or inmate violates facility rules or posted visiting rules.
- (d) The visitor fails to supervise and maintain control of any minors accompanying him/her into the facility.
- (e) Visitors attempting to enter this facility with contraband will be denied a visit and may face criminal charges.

Any visitation that is denied or terminated early, on the reasonable grounds that the visit may endanger the security of the facility, shall have the actions and reasons documented on a facility incident report. A copy of the documentation will be placed into the inmate's classification file and another copy will be forwarded to the Jail Commander.

A report is not required for uncontested denials due to failure to meet minimal visiting requirements, such as, inappropriate attire, lack of proper ID, etc...

1010.7 GENERAL VISITATION RULES

All visitors and inmates will be required to observe the following general rules during visitation (not a complete list):

- (a) A maximum of one adult and two children will be permitted to visit an inmate at any one time. Children visiting inmates must be deemed age appropriate by the parent or guardian accompanying the child. Where a dispute over children visiting occurs between the inmate and the parent or legal guardian, the inmate will be advised to use the court for resolution. Adults must control minors while they are waiting to visit and during the visit.
- (b) An inmate may refuse to visit with a particular individual.
- (c) Those inmates who are named as the restrained person in any restraining or other valid court order shall not be allowed visits from persons who are protected by the order.
- (d) Visitors must be appropriately attired prior to entry into the visitor's area of the facility.
- (e) Inappropriate clothing, such as transparent clothing, halter-tops, excessively tight or revealing clothing, hats and bandannas or any other clothes associated with a criminal gang or otherwise deemed by the staff to be unacceptable, will not be permitted.
- (f) All visitors must have footwear.
- (g) Visitors will leave all personal items, with the exception of car keys and identification, outside of the secure area. Visitors who enter the facility with handbags, packages or other personal items will be instructed to lock the items in a vehicle or return at another time without the items. The facility is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
- (h) Food or drink is not permitted in the visitor's area.

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1010.8 SPECIAL VISITS

The Watch Commander may authorize special visitation privileges, taking into consideration the following factors:

- The purpose of the visit
- The relationship of the visitor to the inmate
- The circumstances of the visit
- Distance traveled by the visitor

Whenever a special visit is denied, an entry into the duty log will be made. The entry will include the requesting visitor's name and the reason why the visit was denied.

1010.9 ATTORNEY VISITS

Inmates shall have access to any attorney retained by or on behalf of the inmate, or to an attorney the inmate desires to consult, in a private interview room. Staff shall not interfere with, suspend or cancel official visits except in circumstances where the safety, security or good order of the facility is compromised (see the Inmate Access to Courts and Counsel Policy).

Resources for Released Inmates

1011.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the process of providing community resource information to any inmate who is due for release after serving at least 30 days, in order to assist with the transition back into the community.

1011.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office that all inmates who have served at least 30 days shall be provided with information about applicable community resources prior to their release.

1011.3 COMMUNITY RESOURCES

The information available about community resources should contain, at a minimum, the contact information for the following organizations and resources:

- Community health centers
- Employment centers
- Registry office to obtain an identification card
- Substance abuse and mental health providers
- Housing agencies
- Education agencies

Upon request, the office will provide the verification needed for a replacement California identification card, if applicable (Vehicle Code § 14902(g)).

Inmate Work Program

1012.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish the guidelines and requirements for the Inmate Work Program. The Inmate Work Program allows inmates to improve and/or develop useful job skills, work habits and experiences that will facilitate a successful return to the community.

1012.2 POLICY

The Butte County Sheriff's Office shall operate an Inmate Work Program within the secure perimeter of the facility, in accordance with all applicable federal, state or local work safety laws, rules and regulations, and to the extent that the operation of inmate work programs do not pose a risk to the safety of the staff, other inmates or the public. This policy establishes the requirements, selection process, supervision and training of inmates prior to and after entering the facility's Inmate Work Program.

1012.3 LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

1012.3.1 SENTENCED INMATE WORK REQUIREMENTS

All sentenced inmates who are physically and mentally able shall work if they are not assigned to other programs. Inmates shall not be required to perform work which exceeds their physical limitations. Inmates may be excused from work in order to maintain their participation in an educational, vocational or drug abuse treatment program. The Office will abide by all laws, ordinances and regulations when using inmates to work in the facility.

1012.3.2 PRETRIAL AND UNSENTENCED INMATE WORK REQUIREMENTS

Pretrial inmates and those awaiting sentencing may not be required to work, except to do personal housekeeping and to clean their housing area. However, they may volunteer for work assignments.

1012.4 INMATE WORKER SELECTION

The Classification personnel shall be responsible for the selection and assignment of inmates to the various work assignments. The Classification personnel should solicit input from other custody staff in assisting with inmate selection and assignment. The Staff also shall take into consideration the following eligibility criteria:

- (a) Inmates who have posed a threat in the past or have been charged with escape should be carefully screened for inmate work projects.
- (b) The inmate's charges and classification are such that the inmate will not pose a security risk to other inmates, staff or the public.
- (c) The inmate's capacity to perform physical tasks will match the job requirements.
- (d) The inmate is able to learn the necessary work routines.
- (e) The special interests, abilities, craft or trade of the inmate will benefit the work assignment.

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Inmates must be able to pass a health screening test in accordance with the policies contained in this manual, and must meet all statutory and regulatory requirements. Health-screening shall be done for inmates who work in the kitchen, around food products or who serve meals to the inmate population.

1012.5 WORK ON PUBLIC PROJECTS

Sentenced inmates may be assigned to public works projects with state, municipal and local government agencies, or to community service projects, with the approval of the Sheriff and in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations.

1012.6 PROHIBITION OF NON-PUBLIC WORK PROJECTS

Work projects on behalf of any private individual or to an individual's private property are strictly prohibited and may constitute a violation of the law.

1012.7 SUPERVISION OF INMATE WORKERS

Facility staff in charge of work programs or who provide supervision of inmates assigned to work crews should adhere to the following:

- (a) Inmate workers should be provided with safety equipment, clothing and footwear commensurate with the work performed. Safety equipment may include, but is not limited to, eye protection, gloves, hardhat or headwear and sunscreen for protection from sun exposure.
- (b) Work periods shall not exceed 10 hours per day.
- (c) Inmate workers should be provided with work breaks to allow them to take care of personal needs.
- (d) Inmate workers shall have access to nutritious meals and a reasonable amount of time to consume those meals during their work period.
- (e) The inmate workday approximates the workday in the community.
- (f) Inmate performance is regularly evaluated.
- (g) Inmates receive written recognition of the competencies they acquire.

Inmate workers shall be under the direct supervision of the facility staff at all times when they are on assignment through the Inmate Work Program.

Persons who are responsible for the supervision of inmates on work crews should receive training in basic areas of safety, security and reporting procedures.

Disciplinary action for inmate worker misconduct shall adhere to the Inmate Discipline Policy.

1012.8 INMATE WORKER TRAINING

Inmates who are assigned to work in any area that may require the handling of any chemicals or the use of any equipment shall receive training from the respective office supervisor prior to using the chemicals or equipment. Work-crew supervisors shall also train inmate workers on safety

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practices. Inmates should never be assigned to handle dangerous chemicals or equipment that normally require a level of expertise and competency beyond their demonstrated ability.

1012.9 INMATE WORKER INCENTIVES

The Jail Commander is responsible for establishing a recognition program for inmates assigned to the Inmate Work Program. Recognition of inmates can be observed in the following ways:

- (a) Granting "Good Time and Work" credits as allowed by state or local law.
- (b) Using credits for sentence reduction when allowed by statute.
- (c) Granting, extra privileges, recreation and special rewards, as allowed by law regulation and policy. Inmate welfare funds may be used to offset the cost of a reward program.
- (d) Awarding certificates of achievement for successful completion of vocational, educational and/or work programs.

Chapter 11 - Facility Design

Control Center

1100.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for a control center for monitoring and coordinating the facility security, safety and communications.

1100.2 POLICY

It is the policy of this office to maintain a control center, designated as Central Control, which shall be secure and staffed 24 hours each day to monitor and coordinate security, safety and communications.

1100.3 COMMUNICATIONS AND MONITORING CAPABILITIES

Central Control shall have multiple means of direct communication capabilities with all staff control stations in inmate housing areas, including telephone, intercom and radio.

The Central Control staff shall be responsible for monitoring fire, smoke and life safety alarms and shall have the means to summon assistance in the event of an emergency.

1100.4 SECURITY

Access into the Central Control should be controlled by the staff inside the Central Control.

At no time should inmates be allowed to enter the Central Control.

Crowding

1101.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

One of the determining factors in maintaining a safe and secure jail is to limit the inmate population to the number of beds constructed in each inmate classification level. Occasionally, emergencies occur that will require the correctional facility to exceed its approved bed capacity. This policy establishes the approved bed capacity of the facility, addresses temporary population excess and provides a plan for gathering statistics and projecting long-term space needs via a jail needs assessment.

1101.2 POLICY

It is the policy of the Butte County Sheriff's Office to manage the inmate population, to the extent as is reasonably possible to avoid exceeding the facility's approved bed capacity. The approved bed capacity of this facility is 614. The Sheriff is responsible for ensuring that the number of inmates does not exceed the approved bed capacity.

The facility has a sufficient number of housing units in an appropriate configuration so that inmates can be separated according to the facility's classification plan.

In the event of an emergency that causes the facility to be populated beyond the approved bed capacity, every reasonable effort should be made to reduce the inmate population to the approved bed capacity as soon as reasonably practicable. The Office will take affirmative action to address excess population. In the event that the inmate population remains over capacity or continues to increase, jail administration will examine any and all methods to ensure that the facility population is reduced and remains within the approved bed capacity.

1101.3 FACILITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

In the event that the correctional facility maintains an average 90 percent occupancy rate consistently for one year, the Office should initiate a jail needs assessment. The assessment initiates a systematic process that is designed to identify a variety of operational issues and program needs, and may indicate when expansion or replacement of the facility is warranted.

1101.4 INMATE POPULATION REPORTS

The Jail Commander or the authorized designee is responsible for ensuring that detailed daily logs of the facility's inmate population and other demographic information are completed and maintained by the staff. These logs shall reflect the monthly, average daily population of sentenced and non-sentenced inmates by categories of male, female and juvenile as of midnight of each day. The number of inmates occupying holding cells shall also be counted at midnight each day. An inmate population report summarizing this information shall be created daily and distributed monthly to the Sheriff and the Jail Commander. The Jail Commander or designee shall provide the Board of State and Community Corrections with applicable inmate demographic information as described in the Jail Profile Survey (15 CCR 1040).

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