

 <p style="text-align: center;">County of Sacramento Department of Health Services Division of Behavioral Health Services Policy and Procedure</p>	Policy Issuer (Unit/Program)	BHS-CMH-YDF
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Title: Emotionally Disturbed Youth		Functional Area: Clinical Care
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Background/Context:

Title 15, Section 1352 requires the facility administrator develop and implement a system of classification for youth for the purpose of determining housing and placement in the facility. The procedures shall provide for the safety of the youth, other youth, facility staff and the public. Title 15, Section 1437 requires youth within the facility exhibiting significant symptoms of severe depression, suicidal ideation, irrational, violent or self-destructive behaviors be assessed by a licensed mental health clinician. The Juvenile Justice Institutions Mental Health Team (JJIMHT) may make the following classification recommendation to alert Youth Detention Facility (YDF) staff to the mental health needs of youth, as well as, use of force precautions.

Definitions:

S-5 Classification: Probation maintains a classification system within the YDF. Classification is a process by which each youth detained at YDF is assigned a specific security and risk assessment based on objective criteria. The S-5 classification identifies youth with significant mental health or intellectual disabilities that may interfere with their ability to function within the facility.

Daily Unit Rounds List (DURL): JJIMHT clinicians visit each living unit within the facility on a daily basis for the purpose of collecting mental health referrals. The DURL contains the names of youth about whom the JJIMHT has concern. During rounds, clinicians elicit information from Probation staff in regard to the overall functioning of those youth on the list.

Purpose:

The objective of this policy is to delineate the process JJIMHT members will abide by when making classification recommendations related to those youth who exhibit symptoms of serious mental illness or circumstances that significantly impair their ability to function and respond to the demands of incarceration.

Details:

It is the policy of the JJIMHT for clinicians to work with identified youth as follows:

1. A youth will be classified as S-5 per criteria outlined in the "S-5 Classification" document.
2. If a clinician is of the opinion a youth meets criteria for S-5 Classification, a referral requesting an S-5 evaluation will be routed to the program psychiatrist. The psychiatrist will complete an evaluation. For youth who meet S-5 criteria, the psychiatrist will complete the S-5 Classification document. The document will be forwarded to the JJIMHT Program Coordinator or his/her designee.
3. The Program Coordinator or his/her designee will scan the document into the youth's electronic mental health record (EHR) under the "Medication Progress Notes" section and described as "S-5 Form." A copy will be distributed to the SPO or Classification Officer.
4. Youth classified S-5 will be seen by the JJIMHT weekly. A youth's S-5 classification will be reflected on the Inmate Information per Housing Location log and maintained on the DURL.
5. When a youth no longer meets S-5 criteria, as determined by the program psychiatrist, the psychiatrist will complete the S-5 Classification Discontinued document. The document will be forwarded to the JJIMHT Program Coordinator or his/her designee.
6. The Program Coordinator or his/her designee will scan the document into the youth's EHR under the "Medication Progress Notes" section and described as "S-5 Removal Form." A copy will be distributed to the SPO or Classification Officer.
7. The JJIMHT Program Coordinator or his/her designee will maintain record of all youth designated and removed from S-5 Classification.

Reference(s)/Attachments:

S-5 Classification document

S-5 Classification Discontinued document

Related Policies:

BHS-CMH-YDF-06-05-Psychiatric Referrals

BHS-CMH-YDF-06-07-Daily Unit Rounds

BHS-CMH-YDF-06-09-Response and Recommendations to Probation

BHS-CMH-YDF-06-12-Alta Regional Service Coordination

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