

POLICY

It is the policy of the Michigan Department of Human Services Bureau of Juvenile Justice (BJJ) that each facility will have a licensed mental health professional that is responsible for the oversight and coordination of behavioral health service delivery. This designated authority will also be responsible for providing clinical supervision.

PURPOSE

This designation is needed to ensure consistency, professional integrity and accuracy in the delivery of behavioral health services and treatments to BJJ youth, as needed and identified.

DEFINITIONS

See JRG, JJ Residential Glossary.

**RESPONSIBLE
STAFF**

Designated in the facility standard operating procedure.

PROCEDURE

Each facility is required to develop and implement standard operating procedures (SOPs) relative to the designation of a mental health authority. At a minimum, these SOPs must contain the following requirements:

Each program shall designate a certified or licensed mental health professional to coordinate the service delivery system for behavioral health services for the program. The responsibilities of the mental health authority include:

- Oversight, clinical management and authorization of the delivery of mental health, substance abuse, and counseling services including:
 - Certification of services, assessment instruments, comprehensive and substance abuse evaluations, and treatment plans.
 - Psychotropic medication management (if the behavioral health authority is professionally qualified).

- Review and consult with psychiatric and medical staff to ensure the needs of individual youths are being addressed.
- Communicate with staff regarding youths' behavioral health status and care needs to ensure continuity and quality of individual care.
- Oversee the clinical administration of treatment for youths on psychotropic medications.
- Provide weekly supervision of clinical staff.
- Provide peer review of certified or licensed clinical staff.
- Review and sign comprehensive mental health and substance abuse evaluations, treatment plans, treatment plan reviews and suicide risk assessments of non-certified or non-licensed clinical staff.
- Conduct additional assessments as determined by the needs of the youth and conduct group and/or individual therapy, if necessary.
- Serve as part of release/reintegration plan coordination for youths upon completion of the treatment program or otherwise upon discharge.

AUTHORITY

Public Health Code, MCL 333.16101 et seq.

Social Welfare Act, MCL 400.115a(1)(l)