

SPECIAL PROGRAMS FOR YOUTH	Policy Number: 1.1437.5
Policy Title: Transfer to a Treatment Facility Corresponds to: Title 15, Article 8, Section 1437.5	Written: 1/15/2019

I. POLICY

- 1) The health administrator/Healthcare provider for Special Programs for Youth (SPY), in cooperation with the SPY behavioral health mental health director and the administrators for the Juvenile Justice Center (JJC), shall establish policies and procedures for the transfer of youth to a treatment facility. These services shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a) Youth who appear to be in danger to themselves or others, or to be gravely disabled, due to mental health condition shall be evaluated by on-site mental health personnel to determine if treatment can be initiated at JJC, and
 - b) Provision for timely referral, transportation, and admission to licensed mental health facilities, and follow-up for youth whose psychiatric needs exceed treatment capability of the facility.



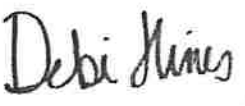


II. PROCEDURES

- 1) Behavioral Health Emergencies: Behavioral Health Staff shall evaluate, assess risk, and provide treatment when there is concern that a youth is having an urgent or emergency behavioral health issue. Examples of a behavioral health emergency include but are not limited to youth exhibiting symptoms of mental disorder that place them at risk for self-harm, or other significant impairment affecting youth's ability to function in juvenile detention.
 - a) SPY Behavioral Health coverage is available around the clock at JJC to address behavioral health urgent / emergency situations. Such situations should be reported by calling the Behavioral Health pager number (415) 327-6058. This pager is staffed by a clinician 24 hours per day, seven days per week. After receiving a page, the clinician should respond to this page within 15 minutes.
 - b) During behavioral health business hours which are 8 am to 9 pm Monday-Friday and 9 am to 9 pm Weekends and Holidays, the behavioral health officer of the day (BHOD) shall triage the pager calls and respond to urgent concerns and crisis or emergency situations as clinically indicated. BHOD shall access clinical consultation as needed from the unit clinician, psychiatrist, with input from the juvenile hall unit staff. If indicated by the clinical situation, the clinical team will devise a treatment plan to address and alleviate the urgent/emergent situation. This plan will be filed in the youth's chart.
 - c) Outside of regular BH hours, the Charge Nurse shall carry the BHOD pager and one of the nurses on duty shall respond to any urgent concern, crisis or emergency situation. BHOD shall access clinical consultation as needed from the on-call psychiatrist with input from the juvenile hall unit staff. Depending upon the acuity of the situation the Charge Nurse may implement a treatment plan to ensure the safety of a youth until the BH team can further evaluate.
 - d) Juveniles exhibiting suicidal behavior shall be managed in accordance with the "Suicide Prevention Program" (see Policy No. 1450).

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- e) **Emergency Hospitalization:** There may be situations where in order to ensure the safety of a youth and/or provide acute psychiatric treatment a youth may require transfer to a psychiatric hospital. A detained juvenile who, "as a result of a mental disorder, is a danger to others, or to himself or herself, or is gravely disabled", shall be transferred to "a facility designated by the county and approved by the State Department of Mental Health as a facility for 72-hour treatment and evaluation" {Welfare and Institutions Code (W&I) §5150}. The need for a juvenile to be transferred for psychiatric hospitalization shall be determined by the Behavioral Health Medical Director or on-call psychiatrist in conjunction with San Francisco Department of Public Health's Comprehensive Child Crisis Services.

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