

**MARIN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
CUSTODY DIVISION POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL**

CHAPTER 4 - HOUSING

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SUB-CLASSIFICATION LEVELS OF MENTAL HEALTH INMATES

POLICY

The facility administrator, in cooperation with the responsible clinician, shall develop written policies and procedures to identify and evaluate all mentally disordered inmates. If an evaluation from medical or mental health staff is not readily available, an inmate shall be considered mentally disordered for the purpose of this section if he or she is assessed to be at risk for or currently appears to be a danger to himself / herself or others or if he/she appears gravely disabled. An evaluation from medical or mental health staff shall be secured as soon as possible or within 24 hours of identification or at the next daily sick call, whichever is earliest. Mental health staff will be notified whenever an inmate is classified Mental Health by the deputy recommending the classification.

Segregation may be used if necessary to protect the safety of the inmate or others.

DEFINITIONS:

M.H. LEVEL II: Inmates with low to moderate psychiatric symptoms and who may have occasional bizarre and unpredictable behavior. They may share recreation time out with the General Population or Medical classified inmates and other Level II inmates.

M.H. LEVEL III: Inmates who have advanced psychiatric symptoms and need constant supervision but can otherwise function in a group setting with inmates who exhibit similar psychiatric symptoms. When there is more than one Level III inmate out of their cell there shall be a minimum of two deputies in that Pod for the safety of staff and inmates.

M.H. LEVEL IV: Inmates who have severe psychiatric symptoms whose unpredictability prevents them from grouping with other inmates due to a potential for violence or assaultive behavior. This group would include inmates who are on suicide watch, a danger to staff and/ or other inmates.

PROCEDURE

All inmates classified Level II Mental Health will be dressed in a solid orange uniform. All inmates classified as Level III will wear an orange and white striped shirt with solid orange pants. All inmates classified as Level IV will wear an orange and white striped shirt and orange and white striped pants. All newly assigned Mental Health inmates will be sub-classified Level IV, until they have been evaluated by the mental health staff. Mental health staff will recommend a sub-classification change when warranted. Any deputy who makes a classification change will enter the updated sub classification into the Pod's Beat Book and document the change in CMS. The initial classification must be approved by the Booking Sergeant.

The Pod Deputy will allow the inmate time out of their cell according to their sub-classification level. When extenuating circumstances exist, making it impossible to maintain the standards set forth below, inmates will receive a minimum of 3 hours and 45 minutes out of their cell per week.

- Level II: Allowed out of their cell 11.5 hours per week
- Level III: Allowed out of their cell 10.5 hours per week
- Level IV: Allowed out of their cell 10.5 hours per week

Any deputy who classifies an inmate as Mental Health is responsible for notifying mental health staff via email (Sheriff'sJailPsychStaffAll@marinsheriff.org) and voice mail @ ext.6648 immediately upon completion of the inmate's classification.

If an inmate appears to be suicidal they will be dressed in a safety garment, given a safety blanket and placed on suicide watch in a safety cell. Any person conducting or otherwise present for the clothing exchange (in which personal clothing is exchanged for the safety garment) must be the same sex as the inmate being placed on suicide watch. When conducting a clothing exchange with an inmate who is transgender or intersex, that individual shall be allowed to choose the gender of the deputy conducting the exchange.

The camera monitor will be activated whenever an inmate is placed in a safety cell. All inmates will be physically checked twice every 30 minutes while the suicide watch is in effect. Physical checks will be documented on a suicide watch sheet. A psychiatric opinion will be secured within 12 hours of such segregation or at the next daily sick call, whichever is earliest. Once an inmate is removed from suicide watch, the original copy of the suicide watch sheet will be placed into the safety cell log binder and a carbon copy will be placed into the inmates file.

When an inmate is considered 5150 and displays severe psychotic symptoms that cannot be adequately addressed in the jail or at the Crisis Stabilization Unit (CSU), the Mental Health staff in conjunction with the sergeant will arrange to have the inmate transferred to a contractual facility for mental health placement. The sergeant will notify jail administration that an inmate has been transferred to a contractual facility. The Sheriff's Office will be responsible for the transportation of the inmate to and from the contractual facility.

RELATED STANDARDS:

Title 15, Article 5, Section 1052
Welfare & Institutions Code, Section 5150
Penal Code Section 4011.6
Chapter 10, Section 14

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