DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
Policy

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1.0 POLICY

It is the policy of DPBH Hospitals to maximize community safety by facilitating registration of sex offenders.

2.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to maximize public safety by providing an internal mechanism for identifying, referring and fulfilling registration requirements for sex offenders

3.0 SCOPE

All statewide clinical and administrative staff.

4.0 PROCEDURE

Each DPBH Agency Director will appoint an individual with being the sex offender registry contact person. This person will be responsible for becoming familiar with the sex offender registry rules and requirements, and will act as a consultant for the agency.

A. Admission of individuals with a sex offense history

1. During the psychosocial assessment, staff will inquire as to the patient's legal involvement and any sex offending behavior.

2. If there is any indication that the patient has a history of sex offense(s), the clinician will inquire compliance with registration requirements.

3. If the person is currently on parole or probation, the clinician will request consent from the patient to contact with the supervising officer.

4. If the person declines to consent, then the clinician will contact appropriate law enforcement.

5. If at any time during the course of hospitalization the patient indicates that they are a sex offender, the clinician will check the online database to corroborate the information and notify the sex offender registry contact person for consult.

6. Patients who are identified as high risk predatory sexual behavior on the unit will be identified as such on the nursing Kardex so that appropriate staff is alerted to the need for any special precautions.
   a. The treatment team is responsible to determine those at high risk and the appropriate precautions to institute.

7. If the person indicates they are not registered, staff will consult with the DAG and report to law enforcement the appropriate law enforcement agency.

B. Discharge of individuals with a sex offense history

1. Upon discharge of an individual with an identified history of sex offense, staff will provide information to assist the individual in registering with the appropriate law enforcement agency.

2. If staff ascertain that an individual is non-compliant with registration requirements, staff will notify the local law enforcement agency and ensure the record includes:

   a. Date and circumstances under which notification was made;
   b. Name of agencies and individuals notified;
   c. The information that was released.

Administrator

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