NORTHERN NEVADA ADULT MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

POLICY AND PROCEDURE

SUBJECT: INTERIM LIFE SAFETY MEASURES (ISLM)

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APPROVAL: Cody L. Phinney, Agency Director

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I. PURPOSE

To provide alternative means for protection of life and facilities during impairment of the normal Life Safety systems.

II. POLICY

Northern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services (NNAMHS) will maintain a safe environment by planning and implementing interim Life Safety Measures during periods when normal Life Safety systems are impaired by construction, maintenance, or other like activities.

III. REFERENCES

A. National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 101: Life Safety Code®, WWW.nfpa.org.

B. Comprehensive Accreditation Manual for Hospitals, The Joint Commission, www.jointcommission.org.

IV. DEFINITIONS

A. Life Safety systems include: exit doors, fire alarm systems, and fire extinguishing systems.
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V. PROCEDURE

A. When the facilities normal Life Safety systems are not fully functional, interim measures will be implemented in order to maximize the safety of all persons in the facility.

B. Interim Life Safety Measure will be implemented only if the Life Safety System is inoperable and cannot be repaired within 48 hours.

C. Steps to be taken depending upon the specific situation:

1. Doors – should exit doors be unavailable.

(a) The Safety Officer will identify alternative means of egress to be used during the period of construction or failure of egress equipment.

(b) Signs will be posted to direct the correct path of egress from all areas affected.

(c) Staff will be trained in alternative egress plans.

2. Fire Alarm Systems and Fire Extinguishing Systems- if these systems are not functional:

(a) Staff will be made aware of the situation and trained in the proper procedure to follow in case of fire.

(b) The Nursing Supervisors on each shift will implement extra fire watches and check all areas affected on a preset time frame.

(c) The NNAMHS Safety Officer will notify the Sparks Fire Department of the situation including NNMAHS plan for correction.

(d) The Division of MHDS, State Risk Management, Health Division, and State Fire Marshal Office will be notified with NNAMHS Plan of Action by the Agency Director or designate.

(e) Bureau of Licensure will be notified when necessary by the Performance Improvement Coordinator according to their requirements.