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JH 02/01.00 **GENERAL**

JH 02/01.01 **Purpose**

The purpose of this chapter is to provide policy, rationale, and procedure which addresses the required qualifications of persons providing health care services to inmates at the Weber County Correctional Facility.

JH 02/01.02 **Cross Reference**

JH01, Administration of Health Care
Medical Office Post Orders
Medical Office Standing Orders (physician Directed)
Utah Jail Standards, H02.00.00 -H02.02.03

JH 02/01.03 **Definitions**

intern	an advanced student working toward a professional license or certification
LPN	a person licensed as a licensed practical nurse in the state of Utah.
medical staff	any staff assigned to the medical unit as per contract agreement, post assignment, or utility post
OIC	Officer in Charge
Physician	a person licensed by the State of Utah to practice medicine
Physician's Assistant	a person licensed by the State of Utah to practice medicine under the direction of a physician
RN	a person licensed as a registered nurse in the state of Utah.
WCCF	Weber County Correctional Facility
WCSO	Weber County Sheriff's Office

JH 02/02.00 **HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS**

JH 02/02.01 **Policy**

It is the policy of the WCCF:

- A. that health care providers shall meet the licensure requirements of the State of Utah;
- B. to designate a qualified health care professional or health care provider with responsibility and authority to administer the health care of inmates;
- C. that the WCCF physician, in conjunction with the WCSO Administration, shall have ultimate authority in inmate health care;
- D. that the Nurse Administrator verify the licensure and or certification of persons involved in providing health care to inmates;
- E. that students, interns, or other non-certified personnel, may be allowed to work in the WCCF Medical Office provided that:
 - 1. functions which can be accomplished by unlicensed personnel, and the criteria for determining the limits of their duties, are clearly defined; and,
 - 2. students or interns shall work under the direct supervision of a Physician or Registered Nurse.

JH 02/02.02 **Rationale**

- A. Written policies and procedures are necessary to ensure that all persons involved in providing health care are qualified to perform health care functions.
- B. Certification and licensure are required by State law. The absence of licensed or certified staff places the county at risk.
- C. Not all tasks and functions which occur in the process of delivering health care to inmates must be done by licensed or certified personnel. There are a large number of functions which, under the direction of a health care professional, can be handled by students, interns, or others. If supervised and limited in what they can do, the student, interns, or trainees can handle such functions.

JH 02/02.03 **Procedure: Administration / Coordination of Medical Services Delivery**

- A. The WCCF physician is granted authority by the WCSO to administer medical services to inmates at the level commensurate with his/her professional licensure. The duties of the WCCF physician are outlined in WCCF policy JH 01, Health Care Administration.
- B. The WCCF Nurse Administrator shall coordinate and oversee day to day operations of the medical office. The duties of the Nurse Administrator are outlined in WCCF policy JH 0 I, Health Care Administration.

JH 02/02.04 **Procedure: WCCF Medical Staff Qualifications**

- A. All WCCF health care providers shall obtain and maintain active certifications and/or licensure as required by the State of Utah and as dictated by proper policy and procedure..
- B. Copies of WCCF Medical personnel certifications and licensure shall be maintained as appropriate:
 - 1. under the direct control of the WCCF Training Officer, and/or
 - 2. under the direct control of the WCCF Nurse Administrator.

JH 02/02.05 **Procedure: The Use of Interns and Students**

In the event that WCCF utilizes the assistance of non-certified, un-licensed interns or students, certain provisions shall apply. These provisions shall include but not limited to:

- A. medical students or interns desiring to obtain the training or experience of working in a correctional environment, shall submit a request to do so to the WCCF Chief Deputy;
- B. students or interns shall be required to submit to, and pass a standard WCSO background investigation; and
- C. medical students or interns shall work under the direct supervision of a physician or registered nurse.