

**NORTHERN MICHIGAN REGIONAL ENTITY
ADMINISTRATIVE MANUAL**

POLICY NAME: JAIL DIVERSION POLICY
CHAPTER: SEVEN – MEMBER SERVICES
POLICY #: 07-01-008
EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2014

PURPOSE

To divert persons with serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance or intellectual/developmental disabilities from possible jail incarceration when appropriate. These services will be consistent with policy established by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS).

APPLICATION

The five Member Community Mental Health Services Programs (CMHSP) of the Northern Michigan Regional Entity (NMRE).

POLICY

Jail diversion efforts are dependent upon relationships between local Mental Health Boards and local law enforcement organizations. As such, this is an important aspect of the public policy management role of each Mental Health Board. It is the policy of the Northern Michigan Regional Entity to utilize this local public policy management to assure consistent jail diversion practices throughout its service area.

The member Boards of the Northern Michigan Regional Entity will comply with the requirements of the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services's Adult Jail Diversion Policy Practice Guideline, February 2005, attached to this policy statement. This MDHHS guideline is a contractual obligation of the PIHP and the member Boards.

Consistent with the Adult Jail Diversion Policy Practice Guideline, and to fulfill the intent of this policy, the following common criteria shall guide each Member Board's efforts:

- I. The Member Boards of the Northern Michigan Regional Entity will provide jail diversion services, when appropriate, to persons with serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance, developmental disability, or, any of these with a co-occurring substance abuse disorder as an alternative to being charged with a misdemeanor or non-violent felony and incarcerated in a county jail or municipal detention facility.
- II. The Member Boards of the Northern Michigan Regional Entity will establish collaborative working relationships with representatives of local law enforcement agencies. Such agencies include the county prosecutor's office, county sheriff's office, county jails, municipal police agencies, municipal detention facilities and the courts.
- III. Written interagency agreements that describe the jail diversion services of the Member Boards will be established. The agreements will also identify the procedures to be used by local law enforcement agencies to access mental health jail and detention diversion services when needed.

The Member Boards will work cooperatively with law enforcement personnel in implementing this policy and will specifically provide:

- A. Case specific coordination, which may include meetings and/or phone consultations with relevant law enforcement personnel.
- B. Cross-training opportunities to law enforcement.
- C. Jail diversion service data and maintain a database as agreed to and specified in the MDHHS/PHP Contract. The information will be used to monitor and evaluate the services.

REFERENCE

- Section 207 of the Mental Health Code
- MDCH/PIHP Managed Medicaid Specialty Services Contract

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