

# MENTAL HEALTH SCREENING AND EVALUATION

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REFER TO:

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## I. OBJECTIVE:

To establish the Seneca County Correctional Facility's policy and procedures regarding the post-admission mental health evaluation of inmates.

## II. POLICY:

All inmates committed to the Seneca County Correctional Facility will receive a post-admission mental health evaluation with-in fourteen (14) days of admission.

## III. DETAILS:

- A. The evaluation will be conducted by a mental health professional and will consist of a structured interview, utilizing form SCSO-MD-006, covering the following areas:
  - 1. History of psychiatric hospitalization and out patient treatment
  - 2. Current psychotropic medications
  - 3. Suicidal ideation and history of suicidal behavior
  - 4. Current or history of self mutilation (cutting)
  - 5. Drug or alcohol usage
  - 6. History of sex offenses
  - 7. History of behavior suggestive of intermittent explosive disorder
  - 8. Special education placement
  - 9. History of cerebral trauma or seizures
  - 10. Prior victimization relating physical, mental or sexual abuse and
  - 11. Emotional response to incarceration.

- B. When possible the post-admission will be conducted prior to an inmate being classified.
- C. All information obtained as a result of these interviews will be maintained as a part of the inmates Mental Health record/history.
- D. When indicated testing of intelligence to screen for mental retardation will be conducted. When needed a more in depth test may be administered.
- E. Any inmate identified as having mental health issues will be referred to the appropriate source for care management and follow up.
- F. A list of all appropriate referral sources will be maintained in the Medical Unit, Mental Health office and the Chief Administrators office.