MONTANA STATE HOSPITAL  
FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY  
POLICY AND PROCEDURE  

ADMISSION CRITERIA FOR THE  
FORENSIC MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY  

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I. PURPOSE: This policy defines the criteria for admitting patients to the Montana State Hospital (MSH) Forensic Mental Health Facility (FMHF).

II. POLICY: MSH will ensure the criteria for admission are followed and the FMHF provides secured nonhospital-based forensic mental health services for individuals 18-years of age and older based on their commitment status.

III. DEFINITIONS:

A. Licensed Independent Practitioner: The individual responsible for the medical/psychiatric management of FMHF patients.

B. FMHF Social Worker: The individual responsible for communicating with the community court and legal systems and managing the referrals to FMHF.

C. FMHF Program Manager: The individual responsible for reviewing referrals with the FMHF social worker and assures planning and follow-through with treatment activities.

D. Forensic Patient: A patient referred to and accepted into the FMHF program.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES:

A. FMHF Licensed Independent Practitioner:

1. Reviews referrals for admission with the FMHF Social Worker and/or the FMHF Program Manager.

B. FMHF Social Worker:

1. Liaison with community court and legal systems.
2. Collaborates with the FMHF Licensed Independent Practitioner and/or the FMHF Program Manager to ensure appropriate admissions.
3. Coordinates admissions with community court and legal systems.
C. FMHF Program Manager:

1. Collaborates with the FMHF Licensed Independent Practitioner and/or the FMHF Social Worker to ensure appropriate admissions.

V. PROCEDURES:

A. Criteria for Admissions:

1. FMHF will serve the following commitment types:

   a. Committed to a mental health facility for evaluation of fitness to proceed pursuant to 46-14-202(2) through 206MCA;

   b. Committed to the custody of the Director of the Department of Public Health and Human Services to be placed for treatment to restore fitness to proceed pursuant to 46-14-221, MCA;

   c. Admitted to FMHF under a court order for a mental health evaluation to be included in a pre-sentence investigation under 46-14-311(2), MCA;

   d. Committed to the custody of the Director of the Department of Public Health and Human Services to be placed for custody, care, and treatment under 46-14-301, MCA;

   e. Committed to the custody of the Director of the Department of Public Health and Human Services to be placed for custody, care, and treatment under 46-14-312, MCA;

   f. In the custody of the Department of Corrections and transferred to the FMHF under 53-21-130, MCA, or accepted for voluntary admission following such a transfer under 53-21-111, MCA; or

   g. Involuntarily committed to MSH under 53-21-127, MCA, while serving a sentence at a correctional facility.


VII. COLLABORATED WITH: Hospital Administrator, Medical Director, Forensic Psychiatrist, Director of Clinical Services, Director of Nursing, and FMHF Program Manager.
VIII. RESCISSIONS: MSH FMHF-01, Admission Criteria for the FMHF dated February 1, 2016.


X. ANNUAL REVIEW AND AUTHORIZATION: This policy is subject to annual review and authorization for use by either the Administrator or the Medical Director with written documentation of the review per ARM § 37-106-330.

XI. FOLLOW-UP RESPONSIBILITY: FMHF Program Manager.

XII. ATTACHMENTS: None

Signatures:

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