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 that the criteria for admission will be followed to ensure that the FMHF will provide 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 residents.

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 assuring planning and follow-through with treatment activities.

D. Forensic Patient: A FMHF patient referred to and accepted into 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), MCA;

      b. Committed to the custody of the Director of the Department of Public Health and Human Services to be placed for treatment to gain fitness to proceed pursuant to 46-14-301, MCA;

      c. 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;

      d. Admitted to FMHF under a court order for a mental health evaluation to be included in a pre-sentence investigation under 46-14-311, 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. REVISIONS: None, new MSH FMHF policy.

IX. DISTRIBUTION: All MSH FMHF Policy and Procedure Manuals.

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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