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PURPOSE

- 1.1 To define the operational guidelines for Lanterman-Petris-Short (LPS) detention of clients for the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (LACDMH) Directly-Operated or contracted programs, including the employment of staff authorized to initiate involuntary detention.

DEFINITION

- 2.1 **LPS Approved Program:** A Directly-Operated or contracted program that has been approved by the LACDMH Director or his/her designee for initiation of involuntary detention by LPS authorized staff.
- 2.2 **LPS Authorized Staff:** Staff who are directly authorized by the Local Mental Health Director (LMHD) to exercise the WIC Sections 5150/5585 detention authority in the course of their employment in a specifically approved program.

POLICY

- 3.1 All LACDMH Directly-Operated or contracted programs approved as sites for LPS detention must comply with the requirements and procedures outlined in the Procedure Section.

PROCEDURE

- 4.1 The following programs may be approved as sites to initiate involuntary detention.
 - 4.1.1 Outpatient programs with emergency assessment capacity
 - 4.1.2 Programs with Full Service Partnerships (FSPs)



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- 4.1.3 Urgent Care Centers (UCCs)
- 4.1.4 Field Capable Clinical Services (FCCS)
- 4.2. All LPS approved programs shall employ staff authorized to initiate involuntary detention who are able to provide assessment and intervention to individuals.
- 4.3. All LPS approved programs shall maintain the capacity to perform this function at all times during hours of operation.
- 4.4. All LPS approved programs shall be available to all consumers at that site based solely on consumer need and not upon whether the consumer is previously known to the agency, upon funding streams, or insurance status.
- 4.5. All LPS approved programs shall take individuals into custody only in connection with service delivery within the scope of that program.
- 4.6. All programs shall seek and obtain specific LACDMH Director approval as a site to initiate involuntary detention pursuant to WIC Sections 5150/5585 by LPS authorized staff.
- 4.7. All LPS approved programs shall have and identify specific mutually acknowledged written arrangements with LPS designated inpatient facilities to accept all individuals taken into WIC 5150/5585 custody for inpatient evaluation, regardless of funding status, and must inform LACDMH of any changes in such arrangements.

AUTHORITY

1. Welfare and Institutions Code Sections 5150 and 5585.55 et seq.
2. California Code of Regulations Title 9 Sections 680(b)-(c)

RESPONSIBLE PARTY

LACDMH Office of the Medical Director