5-09/290.00 - Drug Abuse Clinics

The county health services department currently has several drug abuse clinics in operation. The purpose of these clinics is to handle all types of drug problems including treatment of those persons suffering from mental, emotional, or physical dysfunction from amphetamines, barbiturates, and other drugs. The clinics will also administer a methadone maintenance program for heroin addicts.

The policy of this Department is to do everything reasonable to ensure the success of the clinical programs. In order to ensure the success of county health services operated clinics, people with drug related problems must feel that they have free access to the clinics.

The clinics are not to be considered as sanctuaries for criminal law violators. Deputies will, however, refrain from visiting or maintaining surveillance of these clinics, unless they have a specific purpose for doing so (e.g., warrant for suspect known to be at clinic or need for any valid law enforcement function). Should such specific need arise, the public health investigator at the clinic in question shall be contacted and his assistance requested in accomplishing the task.