5-08-130 Developmentally Disabled/Medical or Sensory Impaired Inmates

PURPOSE OF ORDER:

The purpose of this order is to establish procedures for the identification and evaluation of all developmentally disabled inmates.

SCOPE OF ORDER:

This order shall apply to all personnel assigned to and/or working in any capacity at the Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF) and Century Station Booking.

ORDER:

Pursuant to California Code of Regulations (CCR) Title 15, section 1006, “developmentally disabled” is defined as those persons who have a disability which originates before an individual attains age 18, continues, or can be expected to continue indefinitely, and constitutes a substantial disability for that individual. This term includes mental retardation, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and autism, as well as disabling conditions found to be closely related to mental retardation or to require treatment similar to that required for mentally retarded individuals.

Segregation and/or Transfer of Developmentally Disabled Inmates/Medical or Sensory Impairments

Inmates who are developmentally disabled or have medical or sensory impairments that may require administrative segregation from general population are generally identified by Correctional Health Services (CHS) personnel during the medical screening and booking process. Regardless of the cause, inmates who have, or are suspected of having developmental disabilities shall be segregated from other inmates until an appropriate evaluation is completed by CHS personnel.

If CHS personnel deems the inmate to be “self-care deficient” or unable to care for themselves, CHS personnel will request the inmate to be transferred to the Correctional Treatment Center (CTC). CHS will be responsible for contacting main control
personnel to make arrangements for transportation. The main control supervising line deputy or on-duty watch sergeant shall be responsible for assigning deputy personnel to assist in the security and transportation of the inmate.

Wristbands

[REDACTED TEXT] wristbands shall be utilized for inmates who are developmentally disabled or have medical or sensory impairments that may require administrative segregation from the general population. Housing assignments will be determined on a case-by-case
basis. Population Management Bureau (PMB) CHU, working in conjunction with CHS personnel and the Regional Center, shall be responsible for determining the appropriate housing areas for green wristband inmates.

Inmate Uniform

[REDACTED TEXT]

NOTE: Deaf/hard of hearing and blind/sight disabled inmates shall have the option of wearing the above mentioned [REDACTED TEXT] while outside of their permanent housing locations. Vests shall be labeled with the inmate's last name and booking number, written in permanent marker.

Purple Machine

The Purple Machine allows hearing impaired inmates to place phone calls through the use of the Video Relay Services (VRS) to a regular phone. The Purple Machine also allows Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department (LASD) to use Video Remote Interpreting Services (VRI) to obtain a certified interpreter to relay communication with custody personnel. The Purple Machine is located in module [REDACTED TEXT] and can be utilized for hearing impaired inmates.

When using the machine, please do the following:

[REDACTED TEXT]

Once on the desktop, click the PURPLE icon and enter the desired telephone number. If an interpreter is needed, press the VRI icon. For additional information regarding VRS, sign language interpreters, and captioning using video teleconferencing, refer to
Custody Division Manual (CDM) section 5-01/005.00, "Prioritization List for Sign Language Interpreter Requests."

Type I-Century Booking

Representatives from a Los Angeles County Regional Center for the developmentally disabled shall be notified of the detention of any inmate who is suspected or confirmed to be developmentally disabled, if they are held more than twenty-four (24) hours.

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For additional information about developmentally disabled inmate services, refer to Station Jail Manual (SJM) section 6-06/030.00 "Developmentally Disabled Inmates."

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