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 SAGINAW COUNTY COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH AUTHORITY		Authored By: Kentera Patterson, Officer of Recipient Rights Additional Reviewers: Judy Sausedo, Supervisor of Recipient Rights

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to protect the people served by Saginaw County Community Mental Health Authority services from abuse and neglect and to ensure that suspected abuse and neglect is reported to the proper authorities.

Policy:

It is the policy of SCCMHA that suspected abuse or neglect of recipients receiving public mental health services will be addressed immediately.

Application:

This policy applies to all SCCMHA direct operated programs as well as all SCCMHA Service Provider Network programs.

Standards:

- 1) A person served of SCCMHA shall not be subjected to abuse or neglect.
- 2) All SCCMHA and SCCMHA Service Provider Network program staff are required to report any suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation, or humiliation to the appropriate authorities immediately.
- 3) The SCCMHA ORR will investigate all allegations of suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation, or humiliation and will initiate the investigation (in areas where ORR has jurisdiction) immediately (within 24 hours of the notification). The SCCMHA ORR will have access to all information necessary to complete a thorough investigation.

- 4) When suspected allegations of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or humiliation are substantiated, remedial action and firm and appropriate disciplinary action will be taken. When suspected allegations are reported, the staff who are suspected of committing abuse, neglect, exploitation, or humiliation toward a person served will be suspended until the SCCMHA ORR has enough information to ensure the safety of the person(s) served involved. This determination is made on a case-by-case basis by the SCCMHA ORR.
- 5) As stated, below, it is the responsibility of the staff person who has the knowledge of the suspected allegation of abuse, neglect, exploitation, or humiliation to report this information to the appropriate authorities immediately.
- 6) All SCCMHA and SCCMHA Service Provider Network programs staff are required to report suspected criminal abuse including vulnerable adult abuse and child abuse to local law enforcement immediately as described below
- 7) The written report to law enforcement referenced below will be made using the Report on Alleged Recipient Abuse-Neglect-Exploitation. This form is not required by the SCCMHA Provider Network but is available to them upon request. This report will be made by SCCMHA or SCCMHA Service Provider Network staff who are aware of the suspected allegation of abuse or neglect.
- 8) The worth, dignity, and uniqueness of all people served, as well as their rights and opportunities, shall be respected and promoted.
- 9) Any instance of physical, psychological, sexual, or other types of abuse or neglect of people served will not be acceptable and staff members responsible for these types of actions will be considered for disciplinary action up to and including discharge.
- 10) A person served who is abused or neglected has the right to pursue injunction and other appropriate civil relief.
- 11) People served who feel they have been abused or neglected should follow reporting procedures and complete a Recipient Rights Complaint Form with assistance from the Office of Recipient Rights if requested.
- 12) Any individual who makes a report under Section 330.1722 of the Michigan Mental Health Code shall not be dismissed or otherwise penalized by an employer or contractor for making the report.

Definitions:

Abuse -: "Abuse" means non-accidental physical or emotional harm to a person served , or sexual contact with or without sexual penetration of a person served as those terms are defined in section 520a of the Michigan Penal Code, 1931 PA 328, MCL 750.520a, that is committed by an employee or volunteer of the department, a community mental health services program, or a licensed hospital or by an employee or volunteer of a service provider under contract with the department, community mental health services program, or licensed hospital.

- (a) Abuse Class I – A non-accidental act or provocation of another act by an employee, volunteer, or agent of a provider that caused or contributed to death, serious physical harm, or sexual abuse of a person served.
- (b) Abuse Class II – means any of the following:
 - i) A non-accidental act or provocation of another to act by an employee, volunteer, or agent of a provider that caused or contributed to non-serious physical harm to a person served.
 - ii) The use of unreasonable force on a person served by an employee, volunteer, or agent of a provider with or without apparent harm.
 - iii) An action or provocation of another to act by an employee, volunteer, or agent of a provider that causes or contributes to emotional harm to a person served.
 - iv) An action taken on behalf of a person served by assuming incompetence, although a guardian has not been appointed or sought, that results in substantial economic, material, or emotional harm to the person served.
 - v) Exploitation of a person served by an employee, contract employee or volunteer.
- (c) Abuse Class III – The use of language or other means of communication by an employee, volunteer, or agent of a provider to degrade, threaten, or sexually harass a person served.

Neglect-: "Neglect" means an act or failure to act committed by an employee or volunteer of the department, a community mental health services program, or a licensed hospital; a service provider under contract with the department, community mental health services program, or licensed hospital; or an employee or volunteer of a service provider under contract with the department, community mental health services program, or licensed hospital, that denies a person served the standard of care or treatment to which he or she is entitled under this act(330.1100b).

- (i) Neglect Class I – means any of the following:
 - (i) Acts of commission or omission by an employee, volunteer, or agent of a provider that results from non-compliance with a standard of care or treatment required by law, rules, policies, guidelines, written directives, procedures, or individual plans of service and causes or contributes to the death, or sexual abuse of, or serious physical harm to a person served.
 - (ii) The failure to report abuse or neglect of a person served when the abuse or neglect results in death or serious physical harm to the person served.
- (j) Neglect Class II – means any of the following:

- (i) Acts of commission or omission by an employee, volunteer, or agent of a provider that result from non-compliance with a standard of care or treatment required by law, rules, policies, guidelines, written directives, procedures, or individual plans of service and that cause or contribute to non-serious physical harm or emotional harm to a person served.
- (ii) The failure to report abuse or neglect of a person served when the abuse or neglect results in non-serious harm to the person served.
- (k) Neglect Class III - means any of the following:
 - (i) Acts of commission or omission by an employee, volunteer, or agent of a provider that results from noncompliance with a standard of care or treatment required by law, rules, policies, guidelines, written directives, procedures, or individual plan of service that either placed or could have placed a recipient at risk of physical harm or sexual abuse.
 - (ii) The failure to report apparent or suspected abuse Class III or neglect Class III of a recipient.

Criminal Abuse:

- (1) An assault that is a violation or an attempt or conspiracy to commit a violation of sections 81 to 90 of the Michigan Penal Code, Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of 1931, being sections 750.81 to 750.90 of the Michigan Compiled Laws. Criminal abuse does not include an assault or an assault and battery that is a violation of section 81 of Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of 1939, being section 750.81 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, and that is committed by a person served against another person served.
- (2) A criminal homicide that is a violation or an attempt or conspiracy to commit a violation of section 316, 317, or 321 of Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of 1931, being sections 750.316, 750.317, and 750.321 of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- (3) Criminal sexual conduct is a violation or an attempt or conspiracy to commit a violation of sections 520b to 520e or 520g of Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of 1931, sections 750.520b to 750.520e and 750.520g of the Michigan Compiled Laws involving an employee, volunteer, or agent of a provider and a person served.
- (4) Vulnerable adult abuse that is a violation or an attempt or conspiracy to commit a violation of section 145n of the Michigan Penal Code, Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of 1931, being section 750.145n of the Michigan Compiled Laws.
- (5) Child abuse that is a violation or an attempt or conspiracy to commit a violation of section 136b of Act No. 328 of the Public Acts of 1931, being section 750.136b of the Michigan Compiled Laws.

Degrade: means any of the following:

- (i) To cause a humiliating loss of status or reputation.
- (ii) To cause the person to feel that they or other people are worthless and do not have the respect or good opinion of others.
- (iii) To deprive of self-esteem or self-worth, to shame or disgrace.
- (iv) Language of captions that insult the person's heritage, mental status, race sexual orientation, gender, intelligence; etc.

Examples of behavior that is degrading and must be reported as abuse include but is not limited to:

- a. Swearing at a person served
- b. Using foul language towards a person served
- c. Using racial or ethnic slurs towards a person served
- d. Causing or prompting others to commit the actions listed above.

Emotional Harm: Impaired psychological functioning, growth, or development of a significant nature as evidenced by observable physical symptomatology or as determined by a mental health professional.

Exploitation: An action by an employee, volunteer, or agent of a provider that involves the misappropriation or misuse of a person served's property or funds for the benefit of an individual or individuals other than the person served.

Humiliation: To reduce to a lower position in one's own eyes or others' eyes; extremely destructive to one's self-respect or dignity.

Sexual Abuse: means any of the following:

- (i) as described in section (3) above under Criminal abuse
- (ii) Any sexual contact or sexual penetration involving an employee, volunteer, or agent of a provider and a person served
- (iii) Any sexual contact or sexual penetration involving an employee, volunteer, or agent of a provider and person served for whom the employee or agent provides direct services

Sexual Contact: means the intentional touching of the person served or employee's intimate parts or the touching of the clothing covering the immediate area of the person served or employee's intimate parts, if that intentional touching can reasonably be construed as being for the purpose of sexual arousal or gratification, done for a sexual purpose, or in a sexual manner for any of the following:

- (i) Revenge
- (ii) To inflict humiliation
- (iii) Out of anger

Sexual Harassment: means sexual advances to a person served, requests for sexual favors from a person served, or conduct or communication of a sexual nature toward a person served.

Sexual Penetration: means sexual intercourse, cunnilingus, fellatio, anal intercourse, or any other intrusion, however slight, or any part of a person's body or of any object into the genital or anal openings of another person's body, but emission of semen is not required.

Threaten: means either of the following:

- (i) To utter intentions of injury or punishment against.

- (ii) To express a deliberate intention to deny the well-being, safety, or happiness of somebody unless the person does what is being demanded.

Unreasonable Force: means physical management or force that is applied by an employee, volunteer, or agent of a provider to a person served in one or more of the following circumstances:

- (i) There is no imminent risk of serious or non-serious physical harm to the person served, staff, or others.
- (ii) The physical management used is not in compliance with techniques approved by the provider and the responsible mental health agency.
- (iii) The physical management used is not in compliance with the emergency interventions authorized in the person served individual plan of service.
- (iv) Physical management or force is used when other less restrictive measures were possible but not attempted immediately before the use of physical management or force.

References:

Administrative Rules 330.7001
 Administrative Rules 330.7035
 Michigan Mental Health Code 330.1722
 Michigan Mental Health Code 330.1723
 Michigan Mental Health Code 330.1778

Exhibits:

Exhibit A - Staff Action Regarding Alleged Abuse/Neglect/Exploitation Form
 Exhibit B - Summary of Abuse and Neglect Reporting Requirements, Rev. 3/2024

Procedure:

ACTION	RESPONSIBILITY
1) SCCMHA and Provider Network staff along with the Recipient Rights Office will work to protect the people served of mental health services from abuse and neglect.	1) SCCMHA, Provider Network staff, and the SCCMHA Recipient Rights Office
2) Whenever an injury is suffered regarding suspected abuse or neglect, staff are responsible for ensuring that the people served receive immediate proper treatment, comfort, and protection as necessary, and that action taken by staff sufficiently addresses the urgency of the injury.	2) Staff responsible for supervision of people served

3) In all cases of abuse, neglect, and/or mistreatment, it is the assigned duty and responsibility of the staff who has knowledge of or reasonable cause to suspect person served abuse, neglect or mistreatment to immediately report it to their immediate supervisor, the Recipient Rights Office, administration, law enforcement, Protective Services, and the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs (LARA), and other agencies as required by law. 4) Appropriate disciplinary action will be taken against anyone proven to have engaged in abuse or neglect. Proof will come through a Recipient Rights Office investigation, or a criminal investigation completed by a law enforcement agency or recognized court of law. 5) Any mental health professional employed by SCCMHA or any of its Provider Network, who has reasonable cause to suspect the criminal abuse including vulnerable adult abuse and child abuse will immediately make a call or cause a call to be made, by telephone or otherwise to the law enforcement agency for the county or city in which the criminal abuse is suspected to have occurred or to the state police. 6) Within 72 hours after making the oral report, the reporting individual shall file a written report (using the attached form – Report on Alleged Recipient Abuse-Neglect-Exploitation) with the law enforcement agency to which the oral report was made and with the chief administrator of the facility or agency responsible for the person served. This report will also be made to the Recipient Rights Office of SCCMHA.	3) Staff or Supervisor with the knowledge of abuse or neglect 4) SCCMHA Chief Executive Officer and Administrative staff of the SCCMHA Service Provider Network 5) Mental health professionals employed or contracted with SCCMHA or any of its Provider Network. 6) The mental health professional making the report of suspected abuse or neglect
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7) The written report required in #6 of these procedures will contain the name of the person served and a description of the criminal abuse and the manner in which it occurred. The report will become a part of the Sentri Incident Report Module.	7) The mental health professional making the report of suspected abuse or neglect will send the report to the SCCMHA ORR
8) The identity of an individual who makes a report is confidential and is not subject to disclosure without the consent of that individual or subpoena of a court of record. An individual acting in good faith who makes a report of criminal abuse against a person served is immune from civil or criminal liability that might otherwise be incurred.	8) SCCMHA and its Provider Network will protect the individual making the good faith report
9) Reporting the suspected abuse or neglect to the legal authorities will not preclude nor hinder the Recipient Rights Office of the department, a licensed facility, SCCMHA or any of its Provider Network from investigating the report of suspected abuse or neglect and from taking appropriate disciplinary action against its employees based upon that investigation.	9) Recipient Rights Office

Exhibit A



Staff Action Regarding Alleged Abuse/Neglect/Exploitation

Based on the "Summary of Abuse and Neglect Reporting Requirements" a report has been made or filed with the following:

Agency	Officer or Person Contacted	Date Contacted	How Contacted		
☐ Law Enforcement			☐ phone	☐ faxed	☐ mailed
☐ Child Protective Services ☐ form 3200 sent (required)			☐ phone	☐ faxed	☐ mailed
☐ Adult Protective Services			☐ phone	☐ faxed	☐ mailed
☐ AFC Licensing			☐ phone	☐ faxed	☐ mailed
☐ Office of Recipient Rights			☐ phone	☐ faxed	☐ mailed
☐ Other:			☐ phone	☐ faxed	☐ mailed

Alleged victim(s):

Alleged victim(s) identifiers: (indicate the following if known: BD - Birth date, ID - CMH ID#, SS - Social Security Number)

IF Alleged Victim is a minor

Mother: ☐ married ☐ single ☐ divorced ☐ separated

Father: ☐ married ☐ single ☐ divorced ☐ separated

Alleged victim address/residence and phone number:

Alleged perpetrator(s) name:

Alleged perpetrator address or location:

Alleged incident occurred at:

Approximate date(s) or time frames of alleged incident (be as specific as possible):

Details of Allegation: (use second sheet if necessary; attach copy of Form 3200 and/or other related documents)

Signature and Title of Person Making this report

Date

Submit this form to Quality by faxing to 989-272-0290, Executive Director of Clinical Services, & Direct Supervisor

DO NOT copy to Consumer Records: If this report becomes a part of the consumer's clinical record, the name of the alleged perpetrator must not be removed from this report as required by Section 723 (5) of Public Act of 1986. It is a misdemeanor to intentionally file a false report of abuse or to violate Section 723.

Gr/Agency Forms/ Clinical Forms/ Report on Alleged Recipient Abuse DO NOT SCAN INTO CONSUMER RECORD

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Exhibit B

REQUIREMENTS FOR REPORTING ABUSE AND NEGLECT				
	Section 723, Public Act 258 of 1974 as amended (Mental Health Code-Recipient Abuse)	Public Act 238 of 1975 (Child Protection Law)	Public Act 519 of 1982 (Adult Protective Services Law)	Section 723, Public Act 258 of 1974 as amended (Mental Health Code-Criminal Abuse)
WHERE is the report made?	To the MDHHS, CMHSP, or Hospital OFFICE OF RECIPIENT RIGHTS	To the MDHHS Office of Childrens Protective Services	To the MDHHS Office of Adult Protective Services	To the Michigan State Police, Local Sheriff or Local Police Department
	A list of local rights offices can be found at: https://tinyurl.com/CALL-ORR	ADULT OR CHILDRENS PROTECTIVE SERVICES HOTLINE 855-444-3911		Contact your local police or sheriff department
WHAT must be reported?	Sexual, Physical, Emotional or Verbal Abuse, Neglect, Serious Injury, Death, Retaliation or Harassment	Sexual, Physical or Mental Abuse, Neglect, Sexual Exploitation	Sexual, Physical or Mental Abuse, Neglect, Maltreatment, Exploitation	Assault (other than patient-patient assault/battery), Criminal Sexual Abuse, Homicide, Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Child Abuse
WHO is required to report?	All employees, contract employees, or volunteers of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Community Health Services Programs, Licensed Private Psychiatric Hospitals	Physicians, nurses, coroners, medical examiners, dentists, licensed emergency care personnel, audiologists, psychologists, social workers, school administrators, teachers, counselors, law enforcement officers, and child care providers.	Any person employed by an agency licensed to provide, anyone who is licensed, registered, or certified to provide health care, education, social, or other human services, law enforcement officers and child care providers.	All employees, contract employees of: Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Community Mental Health Services Programs, Licensed Private Psychiatric Hospitals; All mental health professionals.
WHAT is the CRITERIA for reporting?	You must report if you: Suspect a recipient has been abused or neglected or any allegations of abuse or neglect made by a recipient.	You must report if you: Have reasonable cause to suspect a child has been abused, neglected, or sexually exploited.	You must report if you: Have reasonable cause to suspect or believe an adult has been abused, neglected, exploited or maltreated.	You must report if you: Suspect a recipient or vulnerable adult has been abused or neglected, sexually assaulted, or if you suspect a homicide has occurred. You do not have to report if the incident occurred more than one year before your knowledge of it.
WHEN must the report be made and in what format?	A verbal report must be made immediately. A written report on an incident report form must be made before the end of your shift.	A verbal report must be made immediately. A written report on DHS form 3200 must be made within 72 hours.	A verbal report must be made immediately. A written report at the discretion of the reporting person.	A verbal report must be made immediately. A written report must be made within 72 hours of the oral report (330.1723)
TO WHOM are reports made?	To your immediate supervisor and to the Recipient Rights Office at your agency or hospital	Report to Protective Services Reporting Hotline 855-444-3911	Report to Protective Services Reporting Hotline 855-444-3911	The law enforcement agency for the county or city in which the alleged violation occurred or the State Police. A copy of the written report goes to the chief administrator of the agency responsible for the recipient.
If there is more than one person with knowledge must all of them make a report?	Not necessarily. Reporting should comply with the policies and procedures set up by each agency.	Someone who has knowledge must report or cause a report to be made in the case of a school, hospital or agency, one report is adequate.	Everyone who has knowledge of a violation or an alleged violation must make a report. MDHHS has typically accepted one report from agencies.	Someone who has knowledge must report or cause a report to be made.
Is there a penalty for failure to report? YES	Disciplinary action may be taken and you may be held civilly liable.	You may be held civilly liable. Failure to report is also a criminal misdemeanor.	You may be held civilly liable and have to pay a \$500 fine.	The law states that failure to report or false reporting is a criminal misdemeanor.
Is it necessary to report to more than one agency? YES	Each of these laws requires that the designated agency be contacted, if an allegation is suspected to have occurred which falls under its specific jurisdiction. There are several references in each law indicating that reporting to one agency does not absolve the reporting person from the responsibility of having to report to other agencies, as statutorily required.			
Are there other agencies to which a report can be made? YES	The Bureau of Community and Health Systems (LARA) is responsible for investigating abuse and neglect in Nursing Homes, Hospitals and Home Health Care. Call the NURSING HOME ABUSE HOTLINE 800-882-6006			
	The Michigan Attorney General's Office has an Abuse Investigation Unit which may also investigate abuse in Nursing Homes. Call the ATTORNEY GENERAL 24 hour HEALTH CARE FRAUD HOTLINE 800-24-ABUSE/ 800-242-2873			
	The LARA-BCHS Adult Foster Care and Camps Licensing Division is responsible for investigating abuse or neglect in a licensed foster care home. Call The Bureau of Community and Health Systems (LARA) COMPLAINT INTAKE UNIT 866-856-0126			

