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SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

COUNTY OF VENTURA

JUVENILE COURT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 26.01

STANDING ORDER PERMITTING MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS, IMMUNIZATIONS AND TREATMENT AND PERMITTING MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND THE SHARING OF INFORMATION FOR THOSE CONFINED PURSUANT TO WELFARE AND INSTITUTIONS CODE SECTION 602.

This order pertains to those minors/wards taken into custody or confined in any institution operated by the Ventura County Probation Agency, including but not limited to the Juvenile Facilities at the Steven Z. Perren Juvenile Justice Center, insofar as orders are necessary for the Health Administrator or his/her designees or the Director of the Ventura County Behavioral Health or his/her designees. Whenever a minor and/or ward is taken into custody or confined in any of the aforesaid institutions:

(A) The Probation Agency's Health Administrator/Responsible Physician is authorized to provide the hereinafter specified medical services for the minor and/or ward under the following conditions:

1. Consent from the parent or guardian of the minor and/or ward has been obtained. The minor and/or ward is legally able to and does give consent.

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2. (a) There is no consent from the parent or guardian of the minor and/or ward and consent cannot be reasonably obtained, or the parent or guardian refuses to consent to these specified health services; and

(b) The minor and/or ward is not authorized by law and/or is not legally able to give consent and/or does not give consent.

The Medical Services Authorized Are:

1. An intake health screening, which shall address medical, dental and mental health concerns that may pose a hazard to the minor and/or ward or others in the facility, as well as health conditions that may require treatment while the minor and/or ward is in the facility (CA Code of Regs., Title 15, Section 1430(b)).
2. A health screening for work and program assignments that have health implications. (CA Code of Regs., Title 15, Section 1414).
3. A health appraisal/medical examination within 96 hours of admission to the facility, which shall include a health history, physical examination, pelvic examination, laboratory and diagnostic testing, and necessary immunizations (CA Code of Regs., Title 15, Section 1432).
4. Medical and dental treatment and emergency surgical procedures, including anesthesia, as necessary to address and respond to acute conditions, to manage communicable diseases, to avert adverse affects on the minor's and/or ward's health, and to avoid preventable deterioration of health while in confinement. (CA Code of Regs., Title 15, Sections 1402, 1410, and 1435).

(B) The Director of Behavioral Health or his/her designee is authorized to:

1. Conduct mental health assessments on minors and/or wards referred by Probation for assessment and/or for whom Behavioral Health feels an assessment is clinically indicated. A mental health assessment may consist of utilizing standardized screenings and assessment tools in addition to a clinical interview by a mental health clinician or psychiatrist. Such information as family history, medications, substance abuse history, trauma history and other pertinent information regarding the minor and his family will be gathered. Behavioral Health

may share assessment findings with Probation, and Probation can then inform the court of the minor and/or ward's mental health needs. (CA Code of Regs., Title 15, section 1437).

2. Provide mental health services if (a) the minor and/or ward is mature enough to participate in mental health services and (b) the minor and/or ward presents a danger of serious physical or mental harm to self or to others without treatment or counseling, or the minor is the alleged victim of incest or child abuse. Behavioral Health should later notify and involve the parents or guardian of the minor and/or ward of the mental health services provided unless, in the opinion of the professional person who is treating or counseling the minor and/or ward, the involvement would be inappropriate. (Family Code Section 6924.)

Medical Services Other than Emergency or Routine Procedures:

At the time the minor and/or ward is admitted to the facility, the Ventura County Probation Agency shall also attempt to contact the minor's and/or ward's parent or legal guardian for specific consent for any serious illness, injury or mental health condition affecting the health and well-being of the minor and/or ward while in custody. If the minor and/or ward requires any procedure other than emergency or routine procedures to assess and maintain the minor's and/or ward's physical health, and the minor's and/or ward's parent or legal guardian is absent, uncooperative or declines to give consent, or if a minor and/or ward exercises his/her right to refuse treatment which the medical provider determines is necessary to maintain the minor's and/or ward's physical health, the Ventura County Probation Agency shall immediately seek consent for specific treatment from the Juvenile Court Judge or the On-call Magistrate.

Dated: 1/7/24

GILBERT A. ROMERO,
SUPERVISING JUDGE OF THE JUVENILE DIVISON,
VENTURA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT