

BEST PRACTICE CATALOG

Project Title: **HOSPITAL POLICE/CLINICAL CONSULTATION GROUP**

Function Category: PATIENT-FOCUSED ORGANIZATION STRUCTURES

Subcategory: **Leadership**

Heading: **Integrating and Coordinating Services**

Key Word(s): **Collaboration, Understanding, Mutuality, Interface**

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Purpose: Provides a forum for hospital police and clinicians with consultation from forensic specialist, Richard Yarvis, M.D., to discuss and enhance the interface of these two vital hospital entities, to develop mutually agreed upon rules of engagement, debrief incidents; and offer front-line input into the development and implementation of hospital directives and procedures involving the interface of hospital police, clinicians, and clients.

Brief Description: This consultation group is composed of two hospital police officers, 16 clinicians representing programs, Forensic and Community Liaison Department, Behavioral Management Team, Training Department, and hospital administration; Richard Yarvis, M.D., serves as a facilitator/consultant. The chair is a HPO I. The group reports directly to the Executive Director.

Selection Basis/Criteria: Members volunteered in response to a bulletin ad; the initial work group selected members based on their willingness/ability to serve as a liaison between their program staff, to interact in a positive non-punishing manner with a solution orientation. The Clinical Director and the Executive Director screened final recommendations.

The following items are available regarding this Best Practice:

Photographs Video Tape Drawings Manual

Other _____

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