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SUMMARY OF REVISION/REVIEW

PROCESS – I. – Language updated. I.K. – Section deleted.

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PURPOSE

To provide policy for Mission Specific Housing for the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS).

Mission Specific Housing is the practice of housing individuals with common demographics, interests, challenges and/or needs together, to provide safe and effective living environments. Mission Specific Housing has multiple over-arching goals, including:

- I. More effectively addressing the needs of special populations
- II. Providing incentives to encourage prosocial behavior
- III. Reducing use of restrictive housing for special populations
- IV. Providing risk- and needs-responsive and behaviorally-targeted interventions
- V. Focusing services, resources and programming in a more efficient manner

Mission Specific Housing includes clinical treatment housing units as well as non-clinical, structured units to provide effective housing options for those who might otherwise be in restrictive housing for management or protection. It is a strategy used to reduce the use of restrictive housing by providing a range of alternatives to address and reduce behaviors leading to the use of restrictive housing and creating additional options for individuals transitioning out of restrictive housing, thus reducing lengths of stay for those not ready to return to the general prison population.

PROCESS

A *Mission Specific Housing Overview Template* (Attachment A) describing the mission, eligibility, capacity, staffing, types of programming, if applicable, and structure for the unit shall be developed for each NDCS approved mission specific housing unit.

I. MISSION SPECIFIC HOUSING OVERVIEWS

Mission Specific Housing units may include the following:

- A. Residential Sex Offender Unit
- B. Residential Substance Use Unit
- C. Residential Mental Health Unit
- D. Protective Management Unit
- E. Nursery Unit (Nebraska Correctional Center for Women only)
- F. Accommodations Unit
- G. Veteran's Unit

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- H. Prison Fellowship Academy Unit
- I. Chronic Care Mental Health Unit
- J. Acute/Sub-Acute Mental Health Unit
- K. Behavior Intervention & Program Unit
- L. Active Seniors Units
- M. Youthful Housing Unit
- N. Special Management Housing Units

II. NEW MISSION SPECIFIC HOUSING

For newly established mission specific housing units, a Mission Specific Housing Overview will be completed prior to the operation of the unit. In the event programming is planned for the future but not yet implemented at the time of initial operations, a timeline for program implementations shall be included in the Mission Specific Housing Overview. Exceptions may be considered at the discretion of the director/designee.

As applicable to the location of designated mission specific housing units, the facility shall establish written procedures consistent with the Mission Specific Housing Overview detailing all aspects of the mission specific housing unit operations.

The research division shall be notified of all mission specific housing areas and will provide guidance to facility management team members on data collection strategies to measure the effectiveness of the mission specific housing unit.

REFERENCE

- I. STATUTORY REFERENCE AND OTERH AUTHORITY – None noted
- II. NDCS POLICIES – None noted
- III. ATTACHMENTS
 - A. Mission Specific Housing Overview Template
- IV. AMERICAN CORRECTIONAL ASSOCIATION (ACA) – None noted