I. PURPOSE
To establish policy and procedure related to jail and juvenile detention center mental health services.

II APPLICATION
To all CMHOC operated and contracted programs as specified by contract.

III DEFINITION
Jail Diversion is a collaborative, integrative program utilizing a community’s resources to divert persons with serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance and developmental disabilities who have committed misdemeanors, and nonviolent felonies to mental health services and/or as an alternative to being charged and incarcerated in a county jail or municipal detention facility.

IV POLICY
It is the policy of CMHOC to provide mental health services for persons detained in the county jail and juvenile detention center commensurate with medical necessity and eligibility as defined by the Mental Health Code and Master Contract with the Department of Community Health.

V PROCEDURE
1. CMHOC crisis intervention services will be made available to the jail and juvenile detention center at all times.
2. A CMHOC Jail Liaison will be made available to the jail on a daily basis. This individual will be responsible for providing mental health screenings on individuals referred by the jail or CMHOC. Priority for screenings will be afforded to individuals with serious mental illness, serious emotional disturbance or to persons with developmental disability.
3. The CMHOC Jail Liaison will be responsible for implementing jail diversion procedures, including assessing individual for jail diversion eligibility, working with jail administration and the prosecutor’s office to effect jail diversion, and monitoring the status of jail diversion candidates for up to one year.
4. Jail-based intake assessments will be provided by Access Center staff.
5. CMHOC office and jail-based psychiatric services will be available to CMHOC registered consumers.
6. Jail-based medically necessary case management and counseling services will be provided by the CMHOC programs responsible for these services.

VI ATTACHMENT
Adult Jail Diversion Procedures
Juvenile Detention Diversion Procedures
Jail Mental Health Services

VII REFERENCE