

STATE OF MARYLAND
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES

 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONAL SERVICES DIRECTIVE	PROGRAM: MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES	
	DPSCSD #: 124-006	
	TITLE: Professional Staffing	
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- I. REFERENCES: A. DPSCSD 124-003
- B. Secretary's Directive 02-97, Appendix 1
- II. PURPOSE: To establish staffing patterns for the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services' mental health program.
- III. POSITION QUALIFICATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:
- A. The director shall be the appointing authority for the mental health professionals within the department. The Director or designee shall recruit and maintain a staff of qualified mental health professionals.
- B. The clinical authority for the DPSCS mental health services program shall be the assistant director of mental health services. The assistant director shall be a psychologist licensed by the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists who retains the final clinical authority for treatment activities within the mental health program for the department. The assistant director shall report to the director.
- C. Each DPSCS institution shall have a psychology department supervised by an institutional chief psychologist. He/she shall be a psychologist licensed by the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists who shall report to the assistant director of mental health services. The chief psychologist shall be responsible for directing the operations of the mental health program in the institution in accordance with departmental directives and clinical protocols. The duties of the institutional chief psychologist include, but are not necessarily limited to, the following:
1. Supervision of M.A. level psychology associates;

2. Direct provision of clinical services;
 3. Providing input to the warden of the institution regarding:
 - a) Budgets
 - b) Range of services
 - c) Program evaluation within the institution
 - d) Program needs;
 4. Personnel/Administrative functions of the department as directed by the warden;
 5. Coordination of the provision of psychiatric services;
 6. Records maintenance.
- D. Upon approval of the director, a program director may serve as the department head for mental health. The program director shall be a licensed mental health professional within the State of Maryland. The administrative duties of the program director shall be the same as the chief psychologist.
- E. Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services institutional mental health departments may also employ psychology associates (Doctoral and/or Masters Level) who report administratively to the institutional chief psychologist. Psychology associates shall be supervised clinically by the institutional chief psychologist in accordance with the requirements of the Maryland Board of Examiners of Psychologists. Psychology associates shall apply for and be granted psychology associate status by the Maryland Board of Examiners of psychologists. Psychology associates shall provide the full range of clinical services their supervisor's license.
- F. The Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services institutional mental health departments may also hire licensed professional counselors who may work under the supervision of a chief psychologist but also may work independently.

IV. SUPERSEDES: DCD 124-006 dated January 8, 1994

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