

NEXUS TREATMENT FACILITY

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Memorandum of Understanding

Nexus, a facility of Community, Counseling, and Correctional Services, Inc. in an effort to demonstrate and ensure compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Standards, has implemented a Coordinated Response to sexual assault/abuse of Nexus inmates.

The following demonstrates the understanding, agreement, and outlined roles in Nexus' Coordinated Response to sexual assault/abuse between Nexus and the Central Montana Medical Center (CMMC).

All Nexus inmate sexual assault exams, regarding allegations of sexual abuse which has occurred within 72 hours will be performed at CMMC, by a S.A.N.E. nurse, whenever possible or the CMMC ER staff.

The Nexus Nursing Department or designee will contact CMMC (ER) and notify them of the inmate who will be transferred for a sexual assault exam. A request will be made to have a S.A.N.E. nurse administer the forensic exam, if available or the ER physician.

The Nexus Nursing Department or designee will communicate the facts known about the incident, including the infectious disease status of the aggressor, if known, to the hospital.

Nexus Nursing Department or designee will request STD testing (does not include Gonorrhea or Chlamydia) and prophylactic treatment is completed at the hospital and will be ordered by the ER physician.

Nexus Nursing Department or designee will request pre-HIV counseling is completed at the hospital.

Nexus Nursing Department or designee will ensure post HIV counseling is conducted, and the results are given to the victim.

Nexus Nursing Department or designee will ensure follow-up infectious disease testing is completed and that infectious disease testing is completed on the abuser if the allegation is substantiated. Further, the results of the infectious disease testing are reported to the victim.

Nexus Nursing Department or designee ensures all medical and forensic services offered to the victim, will not become the financial responsibility of the victim.

In the inmate does not want to report at this time but wants to have possible forensic evidence collected, then only the forensic examination will take place and the SANE or ER staff will conduct the forensic examination.

If the inmate does not want to report to law enforcement or have a forensic examination the discharge prophylactic medication will be offered, by the SANE or ER physician.

The SANE or ER physician will document and photograph all injuries using a digital camera.

The SANE or ER physician will offer the inmate prophylactic treatment.

The SANE or ER physician will recommend follow-up and testing for other sexual transmitted infections.

The SANE or ER staff will maintain chain of custody from the time the evidence box is opened until it is sealed and turned over to law enforcement.

We, the below listed administrators, agree to the terms and conditions of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). Any modifications must be in writing and signed by the below listed administrators, or designees. This MOU may be terminated by mutual consent of both parties, or by either party upon written notice.

Mike Dowdy

Chief Executive Officer

Central Montana Medical Center

Rick Barman, Nexus Administrator

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