**Procedure for Procuring Office of** Name of Policy: **Public Safety Assistance Policy Number:** 3364-143-33 Lenore W. and Marvin S. Kobacker **Department:** Center **Approving Officer: Chief Nursing Officer Responsible Agent:** Administrative Director **Effective Date**: 05/28/2024 Scope: Kobacker Center Initial Effective Date: 3/2004 X Minor/technical revision of existing policy New policy proposal Major revision of existing policy Reaffirmation of existing policy

## (A) Policy Statement

The Kobacker Center maintains a safe environment and when necessary, procures assistance from the Office of Public Safety.

## (B) Purpose of Policy

To provide guidelines to be followed when Office of Public Safety, defined as campus security/campus police intervention is needed to ensure the safety of all clients, visitors, and personnel present.

## (C) Procedure

- 1. Kobacker staff will determine the need for Office of Public Safety assistance. Things to consider include:
  - a. History of violence with patient
  - b. Level of agitation
  - c. De-escalation techniques available (and/or techniques attempted without success)
  - d. Availability of staff to assist
  - e. Age, strength, physical stature of patient
- 2. Contact security at 383-2600 or use of panic button in emergent situations.
- 3. Provide an accurate description of the situation, specific location, and needed resources. Health Science Campus (HSC) security dispatches available officers in accordance with HSC security procedures and notifies police dispatch if circumstances warrant a police response.
- 4. Responding officer(s) will receive an update on the situation upon arrival and a plan of action will be established in collaboration with Kobacker staff.
- 5. The least restrictive interventions possible will be employed. Interventions will be determined by Kobacker staff unless situation is severe enough to warrant law enforcement intervention. (See below.)
- 6. A responding officer will collect information for an incident report.
- 7. Responding officer(s) and Kobacker staff will debrief the situation at this time, assessing the effectiveness of interventions. If concerns are expressed regarding the incident response, management will be notified and multi-departmental meeting will be called to review incident and recommend any structural changes.
- 8. Kobacker staff will document event as required in patient care record and fill out appropriate logs.

The following interventions: Chemical Mace, Taser, firearms, handcuffs, and batons are not utilized unless an unusual or extreme situation occurs. In the event of an extreme situation where all therapeutic interventions have failed and/or the situation is such that anyone is in imminent danger, the following will occur:

1. Campus Police will assume command of the situation and proceed according to law enforcement policies.

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- 2. Campus Police may request backup as needed.
- 3. In order to ensure safety for all involved, Campus Police will utilize appropriate measures.
- 4. A report to risk management and the Ohio Department of Mental Health will be notified of the major unusual incident.

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