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POLICY

Application

This policy shall apply to The Right Door for Hope, Recovery and Wellness and all services operated by or under contract with it.

1. Rights of Minors to Services without Parental Consent or Knowledge

    1.1. A minor fourteen (14) years of age or older (or over the age of 12 in cases of substance abuse diagnosis) may request and receive mental health services and a mental health professional may provide mental health services, on an outpatient basis, excluding pregnancy termination referral services and the use of psychotropic drugs, without the consent or knowledge of the minor's parent, guardian or person in *loco parentis (person/entity with legal authority to make decisions for the minor in the absence of the parents)*.

    1.2. Except as otherwise provided in this policy, the minor's legal representative shall not be informed of the services without the consent of the minor unless the mental health professional determines that there is a compelling need for disclosure based on a substantial probability of harm to the minor or to other persons and if the minor is notified of the mental health professionals intent to inform the minor's parent, guardian, or person in *loco parentis.*

    1.3. This policy does not relieve a mental health professional from his or her duty to report suspected child abuse or neglect.

    1.4. Services provided to a minor shall, to the extent possible, promote the minor's relationship with the parent, guardian, or person in *loco parentis*

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and shall not undermine the values that the parent, guardian, or person in *loco parentis* has sought to instill in the minor.

1.5. Services provided to a minor under section 1.1 shall be limited to not more than twelve (12) sessions or four (4) months per request for services. After the twelfth (12th) session or fourth (4th) month of service, the mental health professional shall terminate the services, or, with the consent of the minor, notify parent, guardian, or person in *loco parentis* to obtain consent to provide further services.

1.6. The Agency shall report suspected child abuse or neglect to the Ionia County Department of Health and Human Services Child Protective Services Unit pursuant to Public Act 238 of 1975, as amended, and as set forth in Agency Abuse/Neglect Policy.

1.7. The minor having obtained the age of majority and/or having been granted legal emancipation shall have a new consent form initiated for services.

References:

Public Act 186 of 1984

Mental Health Code, 330.1707

CARF Standard Manual, Section: Rights of Persons Served

MH Code: Rights of Minors Sec. 330.1707

MH Code: Policies and Procedures Sec. 330.1752

Child Protection Act: Under section 3 of the child protection law, Act No. 238 of the Public Acts of 1975, section 722.623 of the Michigan Compiled Laws

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