

## **CRIMINAL SEXUAL ASSAULT**

### **I. Purpose**

The purpose of this policy is to establish a policy and procedures to be followed in the event an apparent criminal sexual assault of a client occurs in any facility of this mental health center.

### **II. Policy**


It is the policy of the Charleston/Dorchester Community Mental Health Center to provide a therapeutic treatment environment which promotes human dignity. Any client who is an apparent victim of a criminal sexual assault is entitled to emergency care and treatment and a full investigation of the incident.

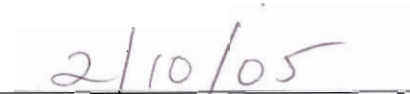
### **III. Procedure**

1. Notify supervisor of alleged incident
2. Notify local law enforcement with jurisdiction over location where alleged assault took place
3. Notify SCDMH Office of Public Safety in Columbia at **803-734-6903**
4. Complete Adverse Incident Report
5. Gary Hodo (DMH Risk Management) must be notified
  - a. Forward a copy of the Adverse Incident Report to Mr. Hodo  
Phone: (803) - 898-8573  
Fax: (803) 898-8347

#### IV. Employees

1. If an employee is sexually assaulted on Charleston/Dorchester Community Mental Health Center property, the employee will be transported by the facility to the nearest hospital Emergency Room unless the victim has sustained serious injuries that require transportation by ambulance.
2. Complete Adverse Incident Report.

  
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