

CENTER POLICY REGARDING "PRIORITY POPULATIONS TO BE SERVED AT THIS MENTAL HEALTH CENTER

The Charleston/Dorchester Community Mental Health Center strives to efficiently address the public's need for psychiatric services. Current budgetary constraints require that the Center's limited resources focus on certain priority populations:

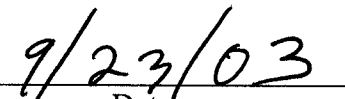
1. Adult with major mental illness which results in a high usage of psychiatric services or a persistently low level of personal, social and vocational functioning;
2. Adults with major psychiatric crises; and
3. Children with serious emotional disturbance.

While there are persons in the community with other problems and diagnoses who need and could benefit from services, this mental health center regrettably cannot serve all these citizens. The Center will attempt to refer such people elsewhere but recognizes that public services, especially for indigent persons, are quite limited and some people in need will, in fact, go unserved. Given the above-noted priority populations to be served, decisions regarding which individuals requesting services meet the above noted criteria shall reside solely with the Center's clinical staff.

*Approved by the Board of Directors
of
Charleston/Dorchester Community Mental Health Center*

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