A. BRIEF OVERVIEW OF AGENCY SETTING

Missoula County Detention Facility (MCDF) holds inmates that have been found guilty and sentenced to county jail time (less than one year). The facility also holds people who have been accused of a crime, and who are awaiting trial, but cannot get out on bail. We hold for several different law enforcement agencies in the area, including Missoula Police Department, Montana Highway Patrol, University of Montana Police, and the US Marshals Service.

The Mental Health department is located within the facility and provides critical mental health services to inmates as well as support and education to detention officers. Our ultimate focus is to reduce recidivism through collaboration, coordination and evidence-based practices.

B. DESCRIPTION OF CLIENT GROUP

Practicum students will be providing direct services to incarcerated adult men and women with diagnosed or undiagnosed mental health conditions and/or co-occurring substance use addictions in both individual and group settings. Students may also have the opportunity to co-facilitate trainings for new employees of MCDF. Topics include: Work related stress, suicide prevention and mental health 101.

C. LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

- Assess inmates for mental health and substance use disorders, suicidal or homicidal thoughts/actions/past history and other assessments as deemed necessary by detention officers and other staff.
- Perform crisis intervention as requested/needed.
- Understand medications and their use.
- Understand the goals of SSI/SSDI Outreach, Advocacy and Recovery (SOAR) and complete the online training.
- Assist in the introduction of SOAR model to MCDF.
- Coordinate services with community mental health providers, medical clinic, treatment facilities, etc.
- Assist in diversion planning for people with severe mental illness and other vulnerable populations.
- Provide education to inmates regarding community resources and services that may assist them upon release as well as make referrals to community providers as appropriate.
- Provide consultation with detention officers/staff concerning inmate behavioral plans for safety.
- Provide assistance to detention officers with obtaining further information regarding inmate safety, for example, medical and mental health records.
- Provide assistance with Critical Incident Debriefings as requested.
- Explore needs of inmates with mental health issues and advocate as needed for services.
- Provide staff trainings as requested/needed.
- Develop and establish relationships with other community providers to assist with release planning for people with mental illness and other vulnerable adults.
- Meet individually with inmates in order to help increase positive coping skills and refer to medical
department for medication management and/or evaluation.

- Facilitate skill building groups for inmates and explore applicable and appropriate topics for groups.

**D. EXPECTATIONS OF STUDENTS**

- Work 15 hours/week.
- Engage in weekly supervision with field supervisor and MSW supervisor to discuss ethics, safety, boundaries, compassionate detachment, self-care, transference and counter-transference, etc.
- Collect data as required, including numbers served, community contacts and types of services provided.
- Work within a strength-based perspective and have a sound understanding of self-determination.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills, including, but not limited to, telephone, e-mail and computer programs/systems.
- Exercise discretion, professional judgment and maintain confidentiality as well as understand mandatory reporting as it pertains to MCDF.
- Read and adhere to MCDF Policies and Procedures and NASW Code of Ethics.
- Cooperate and communicate effectively with staff and immediate supervisor.
- Students must pass a criminal background check.