

Lancaster County Drug & Alcohol Commission Case Management & Clinical Services Policy & Procedure Manual	CMCS # 22B Policy: <i>Persons Involved With The Criminal Justice System</i>
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I. **Purpose:**

To ensure that all LCDAC service providers contracted to complete the LoCA episode have the needed mechanisms with written policy/procedures to appropriately assess and treat those individuals involved with the criminal justice system\*.

(\*For the purposes of this policy, criminal justice system may include yet not be limited to: county prison/jails; pre-release; community corrections; probation/parole; treatment courts; state prison; etc.)

II. **Procedure:**

a. **Assessment and Level of Care Placement Determination**

- i. For the purposes of this policy, adherence to CMCS #22 Assessment and Level of Care Placement Determination is required.
- ii. HOWEVER, when completing the ASAM Placement Summary Sheet, the **PERSON IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE SETTINGS DIMENSIONAL ADMISSION CRITERIA** found in the most current ASAM Criteria text **MUST be utilized.**
- iii. Be advised that an individual should NOT be placed in a SUD residential setting solely for public safety reasons or as an extension of the correctional system.
- iv. A residential placement determination is based on the actual multidimensional severity warranting a 24-hour setting.
- v. Regardless of the determined level of care, evidence to support this determination is to be included in the individual's file.
- vi. The basis of the level of care determination is NOT to be based solely on the information provided by the individual.

b. **General Treatment Parameters**

- i. It is strongly recommended that treatment staff working with the criminal justice population be versed in working with criminogenic risk need and responsivity (RNR) as well as substance use disorders and co-occurring disorders.
- ii. It is essential that the treatment staff create and maintain a strong working relationship with probation and parole officers, judges, the court, and/or other legal entities involved in the participant's case.
- iii. Establishing a good communication system where clear conflict resolution steps are in place and professional confidentiality codes are followed is critical.
- iv. The common goal is that of improving the individual's self-directed functioning, which increases public safety, decreases legal recidivism and enhances safety for children and families.

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