

STATE OF MARYLAND

**Department of Public Safety
and Correctional Services**

PATUXENT INSTITUTION

Directive




PID # 100-5

DATE: 10/17/08

SUBJECT: Treatment Department

TITLE: Diagnostic Group

- I. Reference: COMAR 12.12
- II. Applicable to: Patuxent Treatment Personnel
- III. Purpose: To establish guidelines for conducting diagnostic group meetings with inmates being considered for admission to the Patuxent Institution Eligible Person and Youth Programs.
- IV. Definitions:
 - A. "Diagnostic Group" is a form of group counseling in which the Treatment Team (TT) and diagnostic inmates meet on a weekly basis to discuss issues related to inmate's adjustment (behavior and signs of behavior changes) and admission evaluation (consideration will be given to both ability to talk in group about personal and interpersonal problems and the content of statements).
- V. Policy and Procedure:
 - A. The treatment teams are responsible for the scheduling of diagnostic group meetings.
 - B. Diagnostic group will meet once per week throughout the period in which inmates are being considered for admission.
 - C. Diagnostic inmates shall be informed that their behavior and performance during diagnostic group sessions will be considered as part of the evaluation process. This information shall be collected and reported by the TT as part of a comprehensive, written record to be presented to the evaluation team.
- VI. Rescind: PID 100-5 dated 10/1/96.


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