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SDW Housing Unit Definitions

Intensive Evaluation Treatment Unit (IETU) (Upper A-1) (Formerly HRT)

The Intensive Treatment and Evaluation Unit shall be located on the Upper Tier of the A-1 housing unit and/or in Disciplinary Detention Unit (within Maxi B). This unit shall provide intensive crisis intervention services for inmates manifesting acute emotional or psychiatric disturbance, including both suicidal ideation/impulses and/or other acute psychiatric/ behavioral difficulties. Inmates may also be provided intensive evaluation in the Disciplinary Detention Unit if determined by the security staff.

Step Down Treatment (SDT) (Can be placed anywhere deemed appropriate by Classification)

Step-Down treatment is designed to allow for extended periods of observation and treatment of inmates recently cleared from a Mental Health Watch. This provides an opportunity for the inmate to engage in more mental health intensive treatment while adjusting to their housing unit.

Restrictive Housing Unit (RHU) (Maxi B / Rear Cells Upper Only)

A housing placement where an inmate is confined to a cell for more than twenty-two (22) hours per day due to disciplinary purposes, provided that observation for mental health evaluation shall not be considered restrictive housing.

Special Management Unit (SMU) (A-2)

It is the policy of the Worcester County Sheriff's Office to provide for the special management of inmates, requiring an inmate to be confined in a separate housing unit, yet entitled to receive the privileges and reviews pursuant to [103 CMR 926.01 through 926.045](#). The Special Management Unit is a separate housing area from general population within institutions in which inmates may be confined for reasons of administrative segregation, protective custody, or disciplinary detention.

Protective Custody Unit (PCU) (J-Building)

Protective Custody is a form of separation from the general population for incarcerated individuals who have been found to require protection from other incarcerated individuals for

reasons of health or safety and who cannot safely be housed in general population in a correctional facility commensurate with the incarcerated individual's custody level. Individuals residing in a PCU shall be provided with the opportunity to engage in meaningful activities commensurate to general population.

MAT Unit (MAT) (H-Building unless otherwise classified)

The MAT Unit is a general population housing unit for inmates who have been approved to participate in Medically Assisted Treatment. The inmates receive daily medication each day within the housing unit and are not restricted from any activities that are commensurate to other general population buildings.

STOP Program (Annex)

Inmates who reside within the STOP program are engaged in intensive, abstinence-based treatment. Inmates who reside in this housing unit live in a dormitory style building and are not restricted from any activities that are available in General Population.

Mental Health Unit (Mini 5)

The purpose of the mental health unit is to provide quality mental health treatment to incarcerated individuals living with severe and persistent mental illness. Utilizing a holistic approach, inmates will be offered a variety of group therapy in addition to individual treatment to maintain stability of symptoms while developing skills to enhance overall wellness. The mental health unit will resemble a community-like milieu and emphasize transferable skills to promote successful reintegration back into society