

Quick Reference Sheet Contact with Law Enforcement on DBH Premises

Clients of Substance Use Services

If the officer requests information that will potentially link a client to substance use services, DBH staff may make a disclosure **ONLY** if there is:

- **Medical emergency** (to medical personnel only)
- **A court order** – subpoenas and warrants are not sufficient – *please refer to 42 CFR 2.61 to 2.67*
- **Crime on premises or against staff**
- A report of **child abuse or neglect**

Clients of Mental Health Services

If the officer requests information on a client who can be linked to mental health services, DBH staff may make a disclosure if there is:

- **Court order, warrant, subpoena, summons, or administrative/other written request**
- Necessity of identifying or locating a **suspect, fugitive, material witness or missing person**
- Request for PHI about a **victim of a crime**, and the victim agrees
- Information **prevents/lessens a serious and imminent threat to health/safety** to individual/public
- **Requirement of Utah law***
- Suspicion that a **death was caused by crime**
- Evidence of a **crime on DBH premises or against staff**
- **Criminal Activity** discovered in response to an off-site emergency
- **Other** (less frequent to DBH)**

*Reporting required by Utah law from healthcare professional to law enforcement – 1) Injuries from criminal acts 2) child abuse 3) elder/vulnerable adult abuse 4) duty to warn 5) bioterrorism

**Other – information may be disclosed about 1) decedent to medical examiner or coroner 2) an individual who escaped from lawful custody 3) an individual if in connection with federal officials' national security activities 4) an individual in lawful custody, if necessary for health/safety of inmate/others