CHRONIC MENTALLY ILL - SHELTERED HOUSING (CMI-SH)

PURPOSE: To provide a structured, secure, supportive environment and ambulatory mental health services to high custody offenders with chronic mental illness.

PROCEDURES:

I. Custody classification of offenders assigned to CMI Sheltered Housing (CMI-SH) will be Mental Health (MH).

II. CMI-SH is TDCJ designated housing.

III. Offenders residing in CMI-SH will be monitored on the outpatient mental health caseload and in accordance with CMHC Policy E-39.1.

IV. Eligibility for assignment to CMI-SH will include:
   A. Offender must be male.
   B. Have a chronic severe mental illness.
   C. Have a custody classification of Restricted Housing (Administrative Segregation, or G5).
   D. History of multiple inpatient free world and/or TDCJ psychiatric admissions or otherwise too psychiatrically fragile for General Population.
   E. Offender is medically stable and all of the offender’s medical needs can be met through available services at CMI-SH.
   F. Be able to independently perform all activities of daily living (e.g. ADLs - eating, grooming, hygiene, toileting, and walking) without staff assistance and not require any skilled nursing care.
   G. Not require wheelchair for mobility.
   H. Must meet security requirements and be approved for reassignment by the CRO.

V. Referral Process:
   A. Request for placement in CMI-SH is submitted for approval through the office of the Mental Health Services Liaison (MHSL) via EHR group email to: “CMI-SH.”
   B. Admission into a CMI-SH will be dependent on space availability and coordination between the requesting Qualified Mental Health Professional (QMHP) and the office of the MHSL.

Reference: 2008 NCCHC Standard P-G-02, Patients With Special Health Needs (essential)
          ACA Standard 4-4399 (Ref. 3-4369)
          CMHC Policy G-51.1 Offenders with Special Needs
          CMHC Policy E-39.1 Health Evaluation and Documentation for Offenders in Segregation