

**MILLE LACS BAND OF OJIBWE  
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES POLICY & PROCEDURE**

**Department:** Behavioral Health-Halfway House

**Policy Number:** HHS-BH-HWH 4427

**Policy Title:** Illicit Drugs, Legally Used Drugs, Weapons

**Attachments:**

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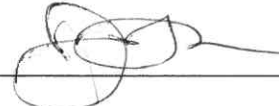


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**POLICY STATEMENT:** The Mille Lacs Band Halfway House (HWH) complies with all tribal, state and federal laws concerning weapons, illicit drugs and legally used drugs when on the premises of the HWH. Prescription and over the counter medications are allowed, when ordered by a treating provider authorized to prescribe medications, and will be under supervision of the HWH Staff. The HWH prohibits the possession of knives or other items meant to be used as a weapon.

**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this policy is to outline mechanisms for controlling situations where illicit drugs, legal drugs or weapons are brought onto the premises of the HWH by clients, staff members or other individuals.

**PROCEDURE:** When a violation of this policy by any person is suspected or observed, the following steps will be implemented:

1. Staff members will immediately notify law enforcement personnel of any person's possession of an illicit drug or paraphernalia on the premises of the HWH.
2. Legally prescribed drugs shall be dispensed under the supervision of the HWH Manager/Counselor in accordance with policies established by Clinical Director.
3. Staff members will immediately notify law enforcement personnel of any person's possession of a firearm on the premises of the HWH.
4. Staff members will immediately confiscate knives or any other items, with a potential of being used as a weapon, at the time when client is admitted. All confiscated items will be disposed of appropriately.

**Responsibilities of HWH Staff:** It is the responsibility of all HWH staff to adhere to and enforce this policy.

<b>Internal and/or External References</b>	Rule 31; MCT Ordinance 19
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