

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF DD/DEEPWOOD

BOARD POLICY

Reviewed and Adopted by the Board:
Date: June 20, 2022

Signature on File
Elfriede Roman, Superintendent

I. SUBJECT: ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

II. PURPOSE:

To establish a policy regarding the availability and execution of advance directives and to inform individuals and guardians of the Agency's Advance Directives Policy.

III. REFERENCES:

45 CFR §160 and 164 Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
Ohio Revised Code § 1337: Power of Attorney
Ohio Revised Code § 2133: Modified Uniform Rights of the Terminally Ill Act and the
DNR Identification and Do-Not-Resuscitate Order Law
Ohio Administrative Code, Chapter 3701-62 "Do Not Resuscitate" (DNR) Protocol;
Choices-Living Well at the End of Life; Ohio Hospice and Palliative Care Organization
Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood Board Policy H-4

IV. POLICY:

Lake County Board of DD /Deepwood believes it is every individual's/guardian's right and responsibility to make health care decisions for himself or herself or their ward. This includes the right to refuse medical treatment to the extent the individual is able to give informed consent.

In support of this belief, Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood encourages individuals/guardians to state their preference for medical care in a written statement. This written statement is called an Advance Directive. One or more Advanced Directives may be completed and include but are not limited to the following:

Living Will;
Health Care Power of Attorney;
Declaration for Mental Health Treatment; and/or.
Do Not Resuscitate (DNR) Order (Attachment A)

- DNR Comfort Care (DNRCC), or
- DNRCC-Arrest

ADVANCE DIRECTIVES

An Advance Directive makes certain that an individual's/guardian's right to make health care decisions is assured even if the individual becomes permanently unconscious or terminally ill and is unable to tell his or her physician, hospital, and family members what type of medical treatment he or she does or does not want. An Advance Directive should also state the individual's/guardian's wishes regarding the removal or continuance of life-sustaining treatment, such as the placement of "feeding tubes."

The Advance Directive shall be treated as Protected Health Information and be secured and disclosed in accordance with the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996.

An individual does not need to have an Advance Directive in order to receive or continue to receive services from the Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood. Available services for which an individual is eligible will be provided even if he or she does not have an Advance Directive.

If an individual is a DNRCC-Arrest all lifesaving measures will be taken up to the point their heart stops beating and they are pulseless. At which point the DNRCC protocol below is to be activated.

If an individual has a current DNRCC order the following protocol will be activated:

Will:

- Suction Airway
- Administer Oxygen
- Position for Comfort
- Splint or Immobilize
- Control Bleeding
- Provide Pain Medication
- Provide Emotional Support
- Contact other appropriate health care providers; such as, hospice, home health, attending physician/CNP/CNS

Will Not:

- Administer Chest Compressions
- Insert artificial air way
- Administer resuscitative drugs
- Defibrillate or cardiovert
- Provide respiratory assistance (other than that listed above)
- Initiate resuscitative IV
- Initiate cardiac monitoring

V. DISTRIBUTION:

All Board Members

All Management

All Staff via Department Managers

LEADD President

VI. REVIEWED:

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