

MEDICAL CONSENTS

Children in the Custody of Larimer County Department of Human Services

I. These administrators are authorized to consent for medical care. Please attempt to contact them in the following order:

- 1) Angela Mead 498-6562
- 2) John Gillies 498-6585
- 3) Denise Suniga 498-6561
- 4) Jim Drendel 498-6584
- 5) Ginny Riley 498-6844

If you are unable to contact any of the above administrators, please call the Hub at 498-6990 and they will contact the appropriate person.

Consents may be in writing, usually with the consent form of the respective medical provider. Some emergencies will require consent by telephone with a witness (usually another member of the medical team).

II. Other considerations:

- A. Foster parents, caseworkers and supervisors can authorize routine medical care (physicals, dental care, immunizations etc.). Commonly you can rely on the medical community to request medical consents for procedures beyond routine care. When in doubt have any administrator approve the consent.
- B. Biological parents and Guardian ad Litem's should be informed about a child's medical condition and the need for medical procedures. The Department must approve all medical consents for children in our custody. When practical, biological parents and Guardian ad Litem's should participate in the medical decisions. If a disagreement arises as to a medical course of action, which the department intends to authorize, any party may bring the issue before the Court.
- C. **Angela Mead** is available to trouble shoot consent problems and will involve the county attorney in special situations requiring court involvement such as "Do not resuscitate orders" etc.
- D. **Immediate Medical Emergencies!** A foster parent, caseworker or supervisor, upon receiving a medical opinion that a child requires immediate medical care and it is not reasonable to contact an above administrator, may consent to the care needed. Any of the above administrators should be notified no later than the following workday.

III. I, Ginny Riley, Director of the Larimer County Department of Human Services, hereby delegate to the above noted administrators, the authority to sign medical consents for the children in the departments legal custody.



Director, Larimer County Department of Human Services

1/5/09

Date