

LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF DD/DEEPWOOD

BOARD POLICY

Reviewed and Adopted by the Board:
Date: May 22, 2017

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: Durable Power of Attorney for Health Care
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) Orders;
Immunity of Medical Professionals; Revocation of Order
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:

DNR (Do-Not-Resuscitate Order):

Declaration for Mental Health Treatment:

An Advance Directive makes certain that a 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.

V. DISTRIBUTION:

All Board Members
All Management
All Staff via Department Managers
LEADD President

VI. REVIEWED:

5/17, 5/15, 5/13, 05/11, 05/09, 05/07, 06/05, 04/03; 05/02, 03/00, 09/99, 03/96

APRC REVIEWED:

5/16, 5/14