Medical Suspension Policy

Suffolk County Community College strives to promote the health and safety of all members of

Dean of Student Services and presented to the Medical Suspension Panel at the hearing. The evaluation shall not be conducted without such consent.

If the mental health or medical professional determines that the student does not meet the standard for medical suspension, he/she will report this fact in writing to the Campus Associate Dean of Student Services within three (3) business days of the evaluation. The Campus Associate Dean of Student Services may, at this point, decide to terminate the medical suspension process.

If the mental health or medical professional determines that the student may meet the standard for medical suspension, he/she will put his/her findings in writing and inform the student and the Campus Associate Dean of Student Services within three (3) business days of the evaluation. The mental health or medical professional may, at his/her discretion, include recommendations for the Panel to consider such as suspension, mandatory treatment, or a lighter academic course load. The written report will be made available to the student, the, Campus Associate Dean of Student Services and the Panel at the hearing, and the mental health or medical

participation shall be at the discretion of the Campus Associate Dean of Student Services. Note Campus Associate Dean of

Student Services must be given at least two (2) business days notice.

e. The student, and his/her advisor if appropriate, will be given reasonable time to ask relevant questions of any individual appearing at the hearing, as well as to present relevant evidence.

f. The hearing may be conducted in the absence of a student who fails to appear after proper notice.

g. The mental health or medical professional who prepared the evaluation report pursuant to Section (6) of this policy may be asked by either the student or the Campus Associate Dean of Student Services to appear at the hearing and respond to relevant questions.

h. The hearing shall be recorded by the Campus Associate Dean of Student Services. The recording(s) shall be kept with the pertinent case file for as long as the case file is maintained by the College. The recording(s) will be available to the student, upon written request made to the Campus Associate Dean of Student Services.

i. The hearing shall be closed to the public. Hearing participants are limited to the student, his/her advisor, members of the Panel, and any witnesses who have been asked to appear by any of the parties involved. The presence of witnesses shall be limited to the presentation of their information and their questioning by the remaining hearing participants.

j. All deliberations of the Panel will be made in closed session, outside the presence of the student, his/her advisor, or any complainants or witnesses. Determinations shall be made by majority vote, based on a preponderance of the evidence presented at the hearing. Should the Panel determine that the student meets the standard for a medical suspension, the Panel shall specify the minimum period of suspension and the specific conditions that must be met for reinstatement. The Panel may also, at its discretion, permit a student who meets the standard for medical suspension to remain enrolled on a probationary basis under specified conditions which may include, but are not limited to:

(i) active participation in an ongoing treatment program with evidence of continuing complianc1 111.62 4 ogrnel helpTheograpeceinst1 0 0 1 332.21 253.588 (he continuing)-EMC

Services along with a record of the hearing. The Campus Associate Dean of Student Services shall furnish a copy of the findings to the student by certified or registered mail to the student's official home address, and ebusiness days of the decision.

I. Students shall have a right to appeal.

m. All participants in a medical suspension hearing are required to consider all information and decisions related to the proceedings to be confidential. The outcome of the hearing will only be disclosed to College officials and faculty members who have a legitimate educational interest in the outcome.

## 9. Appeal

Within five (5) business days from the delivery or receipt of the Panel's decision, the student may request, in writing, that the Campus Executive Dean/CEO, or his/her designee, review the matter and the Panel's decision. The student shall state in writing the specific points she/he wishes the Campus Executive Dean/CEO to consider. As a general rule, the decision of the Panel shall stand unless determined otherwise by the Campus Executive Dean/CEO though the appeal process.

On appeal, the Campus Executive Dean/CEO or his/her designee shall

Medical Suspension Panel to make this determination. Should the Campus Associate Dean of Student Services or the Panel deny the request for readmission or re-enrollment, the student shall have five (5) business days from the time of such notification to request, in writing, that the Campus Executive Dean/CEO review the denial, as outlined in Section (10).

## 11. Records and Fees

The normal policies and procedures for transcript notation and tuition refunds for students who withdraw during an academic semester, as described in the College Catalog, will apply to students who are placed on medical suspension, under this policy.