

Unofficial Translation

Pursuant to Article 15 Paragraph 3 of the Law on Protection from Domestic Violence (FBiH OG 22/05) the Federal Minister of Labour and Social Welfare Policy with the agreement of the Federal Minister of Health issues the following

**BOOK OF RULES
ON THE INSTITUTIONS RESPONSIBLE FOR IMPLEMENTATING AND THE
MANNER BY WHICH NAMED INSTITUTIONS SHALL IMPLEMENT, THE PRO-
TECTION MEASURE OF MANDATORY PSYCHOSOCIAL TREATMENT FOR
THE PERPETRATORS OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE**

I GENERAL PROVISIONS

Article 1

The Book of Rules specifies the institutions responsible for implementing, and the manner by which named institutions shall implement, any Court ordered mandatory psychosocial treatment for the perpetrators of domestic violence.

Article 2

The purpose of mandatory psychosocial treatment is to prevent further acts of domestic violence by facilitating positive behavioral change in the perpetrator of domestic violence

The aim of mandatory psychosocial treatment is to increase the perpetrator's awareness of his/her violent behavior, to recognize his/her responsibility and to adopt patterns of nonviolent behavior.

II INSTITUTIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROTECTION MEASURE

Article 3

Basic health protection centers for mental health (centers for mental rehabilitation) or specialized psychiatric services within health institutions shall implement the mandatory psychosocial treatment in cooperation with the Social Welfare Centers.

If medical necessity requires the hospitalization of the perpetrator of domestic violence, the perpetrator of domestic violence shall be hospitalized within the canton of his/her permanent or temporary residence and psychosocial treatment shall be implemented during his/her residence at the medical institution.

The costs of implementing mandatory psychosocial treatment shall be covered by the court which pronounces the protection measure.

III MANNER OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROTECTION MEASURE

Article 4

A court order requiring mandatory psychosocial treatment for the perpetrator of domestic violence obliges the perpetrator of domestic violence to participate in its implementation.

Unofficial Translation

The victim of domestic violence may participate in the psychosocial treatment of the perpetrator of domestic violence should s/he wish to do so.

Article 5

The psychological treatment shall apply a multidisciplinary approach including the participation of medical specialists, psychologists, social workers and other specialists as necessary.

Article 6

The protection measure may be implemented individually and/or in group.

The perpetrator of domestic violence shall participate with the health institution and the Social Welfare Center in developing the written action plan prior to the commencement of the treatment.

The written action plan shall include methods of treatment to be applied, the responsibilities of the perpetrator and a strategy to address critical situations.

The critical situation strategy shall contain information on shelters available to the victim(s) of domestic violence and their family members along with SOS telephone numbers. The plan shall be presented to the victim(s) of domestic violence and their family members. If the victim(s) is/are under the age of majority, this information shall be presented to the parent who is not a perpetrator of domestic violence or to the guardian of the minor(s).

If the victim of domestic violence participates in the psychosocial treatment, s/he shall participate in developing of the written action plan.

Article 7

If the perpetrator of domestic violence regularly fails to attend treatment sessions or if the health institution assesses that, regardless of attendance, the treatment will not lead to adequate behavioral changes, the Social Welfare Center shall be notified. The Social Welfare Center shall then notify the court which initially ordered psychosocial treatment so the court may institute alternative measures.

IV RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

Article 8

The Social Welfare Center shall monitor the progress of the psychosocial treatment and keep the monitoring records in accordance with the Law on Gender Equality in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH OG 16/03). The implementing health institution shall provide the Social Welfare Center with a written evaluation of the success of the treatment and recommend the termination or extension of the treatment or the application an alternative measure. The Social Welfare Center shall then report to the court that issued the treatment order the results of their monitoring and the health institutions recommendations.

Article 9

Unofficial Translation

The health care institution applying treatment shall record the progress and results of the treatment of all persons who received court ordered psychosocial treatment at their institution. The health institution shall keep these records and issue an annual report by 30th January on the progress and results of the treatment from the prior year to the Social Welfare Center in the jurisdiction of the perpetrator's permanent or temporary residence. The health institution shall provide a similar report prior to January 30th upon the request of the competent Social Welfare Center.

Article 10

The record keeping templates to be applied for all records created under Article 8 and 9 shall be published within the Book of Rules.

Article 11

The Book of Rules shall enter into force eight days after their publication in the Official Gazette of FBiH.

No 05-02/1-480/05
26 September 2006
Sarajevo

Minister
Radovan Vignjevic

FBiH OG 60/06