

bopc - BOPC Submission for 25 Oct 2021

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Honorable Commissioners:

(LOW VISION FRIENDLY FONT)

RE: NEVADA STATE PRISON ISSUES OF IMPORTANCE

COVID RISING AGAIN... QUESTIONABLE MANAGEMENT

Why have NDOC operations personnel chosen to override our Nevada State Health Epidemiologist recommendations? Unacceptable.

IRS STIMULUS CHECKS

Federal money should be flowing into Nevada prisoners' accounts with little effort... since the goal was to send money to citizens, including our incarcerated population, to stimulate the economy.

We are asking NDOC personnel to distribute the individual 1040 IRS tax forms to the prisoners who need them to start the process. No distribution means no money coming in... to spend in NV prisons for much-needed goods.

DISTANCE LEARNING SUPPORT

Why does it take months (over 3 months in one case) for prison officials to approve a correspondence course? And over a month so far, for Inmate Banking to send a brass slip payment to the school so that the course can begin?

Why have we not supported distance learning education by having NDOC pay for correspondence courses for prisoners, especially now, during this pandemic? They have had no opportunity for education and therefore no credits to reduce days on their sentences for the past year and a half. Unacceptable.

CONTINUING VERBAL ABUSE

An officer is still drawing checks after telling a person living in a wheelchair that he is a piece of sXXX and that he will have to wheel himself to the infirmary when he is bleeding? Unacceptable.

SUPPLIES

Why does it take reported days to get urine sample cups when a person with disabilities is passing kidney stones and bleeding? Unacceptable.

NO UROLOGIST?

**Is it true that we have no urology doctor now for the entire NDOC prison population?
Why? Unacceptable.**

COLLECTIVE PUNISHMENT

Please read all about why collective punishment is unhealthy here:

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Collective_punishment

Since prison culture is a part of the current war in our society (an us against them mentality) why aren't we following Geneva Convention rules? Please stop collective punishment immediately.

Locking down entire units because of one person's acting out in a state of mental and physical state of ex-stress being suffered? Unacceptable.

USE OF FORCE

All use of force must stop immediately. All use of force, that we have already submitted to you, with no response... going straight up in numbers... with silent consent is beyond comprehension and dangerous for us all. The continuing non-release of statistics for this and all other requests is non-transparency and cannot continue.

RELEASE OF MEETINGS DOCUMENTATION

Why is it taking over a year to receive Nevada Prison Commissioner audio/video? Unacceptable. This has left us unable to prove that approved minutes are incorrect... and have caused ex-stress. Unacceptable.

STATIC 99r FORMS

Are all NDOC personnel administering them in NDOC certified to do so now? Yes, or no? Why are forms missing from prisoner files?

MEDICAL RECORDS

Why do we not have all NDOC prisoner medical records, and all records, readily accessible in digital form? Paper is unacceptable.

VENT CLEANING

Very important. That NDOC has ignored this for decades is unacceptable.

SOLITARY CONFINEMENT

NV prison personnel ignoring SB 402 solitary law instructions is a mental and physical health emergency, in our opinion. Destructive for all and unacceptable.

TELEPHONE AVAILABILITY

4 phones for 120 incarcerated persons in 1 dormitory? We have already seen death and attacks causing serious injuries because of lack of communication with loved ones.

Solution? Free cell phones with assigned operating numbers to 3 outside human beings who provide comfort to each prisoner. This is a lifeline and a mental health tool that will help stop anxiety and flare-ups of violence for all.

ELDER RELEASE

Those 55 and over are perfect candidates. Why is this not happening?

HOME CONFINEMENT

Makes sense and can save millions. Electronic monitoring works better than concrete and steel tiny enclosures==for the benefit of all.

MEETING SUBMISSIONS NO LONGER INCLUDED IN MINUTES

This elimination of submissions for meetings, a new procedure by this administration makes communications more difficult and disrespects transparency. Unacceptable.

ETHICS UNAWARE

[https://doc.nv.gov/About/Code of Ethics/Home/](https://doc.nv.gov/About/Code_of_Ethics/Home/)

- **Employees shall be courteous, considerate, and prompt when dealing with the public, realizing that we serve the public.**

NDOC EMPLOYEES SEEM TO BE UNAWARE OF THE WORDS: "WE SERVE THE PUBLIC." That's the bottom line. Terrible abuse for just asking questions, for example... including officers censoring calls, hanging up the telephone hard... using hold for hours to discourage communications and causing mental ex-stress.

NOT POSTING, INCLUDING THE Temporary Administrative Regulation 258 "Inmate Fiscal Procedures for Inmate Banking" – Exhibits 8a & 8b – (for discussion and possible action) ISSUE ON THE AGENDA FOR 25 OCTOBER 2021 FOR CITIZEN REVIEW PRIOR TO THE MEETING? WHY NOT? UNACCEPTABLE.

WHERE IS YOUR WEBSITE?

You is a Nevada State Board, like the Nevada Parole Board, a separate entity, as you used to be.

They have their own website and you need to re-instate yours. They interact with the NDOC, just as you do.

You are the separate governing body of NDOC, that NDOC has now seemingly absorbed? Why did you allow this to happen?

The NDOC prison personnel actually shut down your ability to receive email from citizens! Unacceptable.

We encourage you to regain your rightful independence from NDOC so that you can function with clarity, as you are meant to do.

You possess great power. Please start using it wisely and respectfully... for the benefit of all, including each of you to make a better society here in our beautiful state. Support life, not suffering and death so that we all can move onward and upward with dignity. Us and them is an illusion for we are all one.

Peace for us all,

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