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November 10, 2011

MEMORANDUM

TO: Tracey D. Green, MD
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Through: Mary Wherry
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FROM: Joe Pollock
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SUBJECT: SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND SURVEYS OF NEVADA STATE PRISONS

The Public Health and Clinical Services' Environmental Health Section (EHS) conducts inspections of Department of Correction facilities to include: 9 conservation camps, 1 transitional center and 1 restitution center. The inspections ensure compliance with food safety standards and the sanitation, healthfulness, cleanliness and safety of the facilities. The facilities are not equipped with medical infirmaries. EHS does not currently examine the nutritional adequacy of the diet of incarcerated offenders.

Following each kitchen and facility inspection, the inspection findings are detailed in a letter sent to the Office of the Inspector General of the Nevada Department of Corrections. In addition, at the conclusion of each inspection, the inspection report is provided to the Shift Supervisor at the facility.

Attached are copies of letters and inspection reports for the 11 EHS inspected facilities. Please note that the Casa Grande Transitional Center is scheduled for inspection on November 10, 2011 so only the most recent letter, dated November 5, 2010, is included.

A review of the attached documents reveals the following critical violations were identified during the most recent Department of Corrections kitchen facilities, at the frequencies indicated: No test kit or test strips available to test sanitizing residuals or final temperatures in dish machine (4 of 11 facilities cited); presence of insects/rodents and/or outer openings not protected (1 of 11 facilities cited); handwash sink in food prep area inoperable (1 of 11 facilities cited); spoiled food (1 of 11 facilities cited); no backflow protection at mop sink (1 of 11 facilities cited); dented cans of food (1 of 11 facilities cited); improper food storage (1of 11 facilities cited).

A review of the attached documents reveals the following violations were identified as repeat violations, at the frequencies indicated: provide paper towels in inmate restrooms (1 of 11 facilities cited); housing unit floor surface in need of repair (1 of 11 facilities cited); ice machine in need of repair (1 of 11 facilities cited); broken kitchen equipment (1 of 11 facilities cited); spoiled food (1 of 11 facilities cited); improper storage of ice scoop (1 of 11 facilities cited); food contact surfaces in need of cleaning (1 of 11 facilities cited), hand sink inoperable (1 of 11 facilities cited).

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (775) 687-7537 should you have any questions regarding the inspection process or our findings.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Tracey D. Green, MD, State Health Officer

From: Susan O'Malley, REHS, EHS III
For Wendy Simons, Bureau Chief

Subject: Summary of Inspections and Surveys of Nevada State Prisons

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The Bureau of Health Care Quality and Compliance (HCQC) employs two Environmental Health Specialists (EHSs), whose duties include the inspections of the eight State Prisons currently in operation in Nevada. In accordance with Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 444.330 and NRS 446.885, each State Prison is inspected by the HCQC EHSs at least once per year to ensure compliance with food safety standards and the sanitation, healthfulness, and cleanliness of the facilities and operations as they affect inmate health and safety.

In addition to the kitchen and facility inspections performed at each State Prison annually as indicated above, two of the eight State Prisons receive a survey each year that includes inspection of the medical and dental services and facilities and evaluation of the nutritional adequacy of the diet of incarcerated offenders, so that a report may be prepared on the status of correctional facilities pursuant to NRS 209.382. The team performing these more comprehensive surveys typically consists of two EHSs and two or three Health Facility Surveyors, one of whom is generally a nurse.

Following each kitchen and facility inspection, the inspection findings are detailed in a letter which is sent to representatives of the Office of the Inspector General of the Nevada Department of Corrections. Similarly, at the conclusion of each medical and dental survey, a statement of deficiencies (SOD) is provided to the Warden of the correctional facility in which the survey occurred.

Attached are copies of the letters and SODs for the most recent inspections and surveys conducted in the eight State Prisons. Please note that the medical and dental surveys for 2011 are scheduled for the week of November 14, 2011. Therefore, I have included the medical and dental surveys completed in 2010.

A review of the attached documents reveals the following critical violations were identified during the most recent inspections at the State Prisons, at the frequencies indicated: improperly labeled and/or stored chemicals (4 of 8 facilities cited); presence of insects/rodents (2 of 8 facilities cited); dented canned goods (2 of 8 facilities cited); hand washing sinks in disrepair (2 of 8 facilities cited); expired/spoiled food (1 of 8 facilities cited); potential for cross-contamination (1 of 8 facilities cited); refrigeration at improper temperature (1 of 8 facilities cited). All other violations identified during the most recent inspections were of a less critical nature.

A comparison of the attached documents with the prior inspection performed at each State Prison reveals that presence of insects/rodents was a repeat violation at 2 of the 2 facilities that were cited, improperly labeled and/or stored chemicals was a repeat violation at 1 of the 4 facilities that were cited, and hand washing sinks in disrepair was a repeat violation at 1 of the 2 facilities that were cited. All other repeat violations identified during the most recent inspections were non-critical items.

A review of the attached documents reveals the following deficiencies were noted during the most recent medical and dental surveys of two State Prisons, at the frequencies indicated: failure to follow proper sanitization procedures of instruments (2 of 2 facilities cited); staff performing sanitization procedures of instruments were not trained to do so (2 of 2 facilities cited); expired medications (1 of 2 facilities cited); no evidence of TB test for one employee (1 of 2 facilities cited); lack of CPR training for multiple staff (1 of 2 facilities cited).

We will be sure to provide you with copies of the medical and dental survey results for the two State Prisons following their completion the week of November 14, 2011.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at 702-486-6515 extension 255 should you have any questions regarding the inspection or survey process or our findings.

Attachments: Copies of most recent inspections and surveys