

STATE OF NEVADA

BRIAN SANDOVAL
Governor

RICHARD WHITLEY, MS
Director, DHHS



CODY L. PHINNEY, MPH
Administrator, DPBH

JOHN DIMURO, DO, MBA
Chief Medical Officer

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF PUBLIC AND BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
4150 Technology Way, Suite 300
Carson City, Nevada 89706
Telephone: (775) 684-4200 · Fax: (775) 687-7570

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 8, 2017
TO: Board of Prison Commissioners
FROM: John DiMuro, DO, MBA, Nevada Chief Medical Officer
RE: CMO Report to the Board of Prison Commissioners for the May 16, 2017 meeting

Since my last presentation to the Board of Prison Commissioners on March 7, 2017, I respectfully submit the following report to the Board. I continue to remain in constant contact with DAG Linda Anderson, NDOC compliance officer Alexander Archie and Vincent Valiente, REHS, Environmental Health Specialist III, in order to ensure expediency in responding to any issues within the prison system.

Section I: New Issues:

- a) **NDOC Vivitrol® Pilot Program:** This program was implemented the first week of April 2017 and is being coordinated between Alkermes Pharmaceuticals through NDOC director James Dzurenda, Deputy Director David Tristan, and Management Analyst IV Sheila Lambert and remains a partnership with both Parole and Probation and the Parole Board. As mentioned in my last report, we are targeting one hundred inmates at both Warm Springs Correctional Facility in Carson City and Southern Desert Correctional Center in Las Vegas. Due to my concerns over the possibility of inadequate patient follow-up upon release from the correctional facility, I had requested a meeting with both Medicaid and Dr. Stephanie Woodard, the DHHS Senior Advisor on Behavioral Health. This meeting led to a phone conference last Friday with all of the managed care organizations who will now be responsible for maintenance of the inmates upon their release. We have been assured there will be appropriate continuity of care to the inmate upon their release. I will be following up on the results over the next few months.

Section II: Dietary Update

- a) **Lovelock Dietary Issues with Inmate Robert Stockmeier:** DAG Linda Anderson recently filed a declaration on my behalf with the Court in response to the Judge's query from our last meeting. This document outlines, once again, the nutritional adequacy of the prison diet including addressing Mr. Stockmeier's concerns about the high sodium content of the diet. As I stated to the Court previously, sodium is a necessary dietary nutrient and a quantified amount does not reflect nor correlate with the relative needs of an individual. We continue to defend our position regarding compliance with *NRS 209.382* demonstrated within the written report filed at the November 2016 Board meeting.
- b) **Lovelock Dietary Concerns:**
- 1) After reporting about a 41-page written correspondence to me from two inmates at the Lovelock facility and responding to those inmates in writing, no further correspondence has been received from either of the inmates and no new issues have resulted.
 - 2) I was recently informed by the DOC that inmates now have access to the nutritional values of their meals in the facility law library. DOC plans on posting nutritional values at all prisons this year.

Section III: Environmental Health Specialist Report Update from V. Valiente, REHS, EHS III

- a) **Environmental Health Inspection Status:** All seven state prisons are slated to receive a full environmental health inspection and dietary inspection this calendar year.
- b) **Medical Surveys:** Per protocol, two of the seven state prisons are slated to receive full medical surveys this calendar year.

Section IV: Conclusion

To my knowledge, we remain in compliance with all relevant NRS. We are continuing to address the inmate complaints at the Lovelock facility as outlined above and will keep the Board updated with any status changes. The Division is excited about the implementation of the Vivitrol® Pilot Program last month and have already discussed the continuity of care concerns with both Medicaid and the managed care entities that will be assuming care for those in the Vivitrol® study upon their release from custody. We will continue to maintain communication with the DOC contacts as well as the representatives from Alkermes Pharmaceuticals throughout the program.

Additionally, I am happy to report that upon my request from the last 2016 BOP commissioners meeting, the DOC has begun public posting of the nutritional values for the prison meals. I have verified that this has been implemented at the Lovelock facility and will be following up regarding their position to post meal nutritional values at all prisons this year.

_____ Date: _____

John M. DiMuro, DO, MBA
Nevada Chief Medical Officer