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MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 28, 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 March 7, 2017 meeting

Since assuming the Chief Medical Officer position from Dr. Tracey Green back in July 2016, we have had a rather smooth transition with regard to addressing concerns related to the prison system. Per NRS 209.382, a detailed report was provided to the Board at the November 2016 meeting which outlined compliance with this statute. Recommendations were also made to the Board at the conclusion of that report. I 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) **Lovelock Dietary Concerns:** Recent direct written correspondence from two inmates at the Lovelock prison which appears to be a continuation from an ongoing action from an inmate well-known to the Division (Robert Stockmeier). This 41-page handwritten letter complete with dietary breakdown of menu offerings for several weeks was co-authored by two inmates who voice concern over dietary adequacy. I have discussed this case with DAG Linda Anderson as well as Mr. Archie and Mr. Valiente and have responded to these inmates in writing within 14-days of their original letter. We are currently addressing the issues raised.
- b) **NDOC Vivitrol® Pilot Program:** This is in the final planning stages and is being coordinated between Alkermes Pharmaceuticals through NDOC director James Dzurenda, Deputy Director David Tristan, and Management Analyst IV Sheila Lambert. This program is being conducted in partnership with Parole and Probation and the Parole Board has been notified about this program. Our target implementation date is April 3, 2017 and

will involve one hundred inmates at both Warm Springs Correctional Facility in Carson City and Southern Desert Correctional Center in Las Vegas. A press release is pending.

Section II: Ongoing Issues

- a) **Lovelock Dietary Issues via Inmate Robert Stockmeier:** DAG Linda Anderson and I appeared in court last week with Inmate Stockmeier on the phone. We were able to defend our position regarding compliance with *NRS 209.382* demonstrated on written report at the November 2016 Board meeting. The Judge in the case has asked us to respond to his query about what, if any, new measures were implemented per my November 2016 report recommendations. The Judge has demanded a response within 30 days from that Tuesday February 21, 2017 court appearance. I have been in contact with State Dietician Mary Agnes Boni about Mr. Stockmeier's continued questioning of the nutritional status of the menu offerings.

Section III: Environmental Health Specialist Report Update

- a) **Environmental Health Inspection Status:** All seven state prisons are slated to receive a full Environmental Health Inspection this calendar year.
- b) **Medical Surveys:** All seven state prisons are slated to receive full medical surveys this calendar year.

Section IV: Conclusion

To my knowledge, we are in compliance with all relevant NRS. We are continuing to address the inmate complaints as outlined above and will keep the Board updated with any status changes. The Division is excited for the eventual rollout of the Vivitrol® Pilot Program and will maintain communication with the aforementioned DOC connections as well as the representatives from Alkermes Pharmaceuticals throughout the program.

I continue to strongly recommend the posting of dietary nutritional information in the prisons as recommended back in my November 2016 report to the Board. I feel that this will ultimately provide the inmates with the best information so the inmate can make the most informed healthy menu choice both in the dining area and the canteen.

Date: _____

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