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MEMORANDUM

DATE: July 31, 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 August 15, 2017 meeting

Since my last report to the Board of Prison Commissioners on May 16, 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) **New Dietary Complaint:** I received a letter from inmate Frank Peck dated May 7, 2017 about diet/menu offerings at High Desert State Prison. I immediately contacted DAG Linda Anderson and Mr. Vinny Valiente REHS, Environmental Health Specialist III. An unannounced inspection was performed on May 12, 2017 which demonstrated no validation of inmate Peck's claims. I immediately corresponded back to inmate Peck about our findings and he responded that he was happy we investigated so quickly and acknowledged his concerns.
- b) **Prison Inspections:** See section III below

Section II: Dietary Update

- a) **Lovelock Dietary Issues with Inmate Robert Stockmeier:** Dietary issues at Lovelock Correctional Center with inmate Robert Stockmeier appear to have been resolved. I

received a report from DAG Linda Anderson that Mr. Stockmeier's appeal was dismissed. This order dismissing the appeal was filed July 28, 2017.

b) Lovelock Dietary Concerns: Mr. Valiente reports that he has been evaluating the recommended changes from this office during his prison inspections. Please see below Section III.

Of note, no additional correspondence from the two inmates who filed the 41-page mailing to me back in the spring regarding dietary concerns at the Lovelock facility.

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

a) **Environmental Health Inspection Status:** Mr. Valiente reports that three of the prisons have been inspected thus far in 2017. High Desert State Prison, Southern Desert Correction Center and Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center were all inspected over the course of July 19-20, 2017. The final reports were sent to NDOC compliance officer Alexander Archie. The remaining four state prisons will receive a full environmental health inspection and dietary inspection this calendar year. The inspections were performed by both Mr. Valiente and Dominick DiFranco.

These inspections included a complete environmental/sanitation inspection and nutritional adequacy verification at each institution. The environmental and sanitation issues were reported to the facility at the time of the inspection and to the NDOC Compliance Enforcement Unit for correction. A complete summary of environmental issues for each State prison will be presented via report later this year when all have been inspected.

No issues of nutritional adequacy were documented during inspection and interview with facility staff within the culinary and medical at SDCC, HDSP and FMWCC. The nutritional adequacy tool was utilized at each of these institutions to verify special diets prescribed and followed, certified menus followed, physician orders followed, certified menus available, inmate menu request processes in place, inmate medical nutritional assessments conducted by a physician, religious/common fare menus available, and overall communication between medical and culinary to ensure special diets are being served.

b) **Recommended Changes Update:** Mr. Valiente reports that SDCC, HDSP and FMWCC has placed each of their offered menus in their Law Libraries for inmates to review. SDCC has increased their medical staff and FMWCC has been approved for an Electronic Medical Records (EMR) system.

- c) **Medical Surveys:** Per protocol, two of the seven state prisons are slated to receive full medical surveys this calendar year. The two facilities will be Ely State Prison slated for September 12, 2017 and Northern Nevada Correctional Center for October 4, 2017.

Section IV: Other Update

- 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. I do not have any hard data to report at this time but will be reaching out to the Managed Care Organizations once my office is apprised of the number of inmates released and placed into one of the Managed Care Organizations. I hope to have some data for the next meeting.

Section IV: Conclusion

To my knowledge, we remain in compliance with all relevant NRS. I believe we have adequately addressed the dietary concerns at the Lovelock facility and are thankful to the Department of Corrections for their cooperation in implementing our recommendations on dietary postings. I hope to have some data on the Vivitrol® pilot program by our next meeting.

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