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**MEMORANDUM**

**To:** Charles Daniels, Director  
Nevada Department of Corrections

**Through:** Ihsan Azzam, PhD, MD, MPH  
State Chief Medical Officer

**From:** Vincent Valiente, REHS, EHS III  
For Paul Shubert, Chief, DPBH

**Subject:** Report to the State Board of Prison Commissioners

As required by the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS) 209.382, NRS 444.330 and NRS 446.885, the Division of Public and Behavioral Health (DPBH) conducts regular inspections of State Correctional Facilities. These inspections include:

- a) **Medical and Dental Services** based upon *Standards for Medical Facilities* as provided in Chapter 449 of NRS.
- b) **Nutritional Adequacy of Diet\*** based on *National Dietary Guidelines*. Inspections of diet adequacy take in consideration religious and medical dietary recommendations for individual offenders, and adjustments of dietary allowances for age, sex, and level of activity.
- c) **Sanitation, Healthfulness, Cleanliness and Safety** of various institutions and correctional facilities which include a focus on food safety practice.

\*Pursuant to NRS 209.382, NRS 444.330, and NRS 446.885, during each inspection of a state correctional facility, DPBH inspector/s verify that dietitian's recommendations are appropriately followed. Nutritional adequacy of inmates' diet is verified by onsite direct observations, document review and interviews with staff from that facility. Information collected is documented in the Nutrition Adequacy Tool (**Table 3**).

**DIETARY & MEDICAL INSPECTIONS (Table 1 and Table 2) "Critical Violations Identified During Annual Dietary Inspections of State Prisons."** As of the July 27, 2021 Board of Prison Commissioners Meeting, three State Prisons have been inspected, High Desert State Prison (HDSP) on 6/28/21, Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center (FMWCC) on 6/29/21, and Southern Desert Correctional Center (SDCC) on 6/30/21. The remaining State Prison inspections will be scheduled by end of 2021. Table 1 summarizes critical violations identified during the 2021 annual dietary inspections. Table 1 also summarizes previous critical violations from 2014 through 2021. Table 2 summarizes violation identified during the Medical survey of FMWCC. Table 2 also summarized previous violations cited during past Medical surveys of FMWCC.

## **DIETARY/SANITATION INSPECTIONS (TABLE 1)**

As of the July 27, 2021 Board of Prison Commissioners Meeting, HDSP, FMWCC and SDCC have been inspected. The following critical violations were identified during these inspections:

### ***High Desert State Prison (HDSP)\*\****

1. Equipment not properly sanitized/Potential for cross-contamination  
(Two culinary three-compartment sinks had no detectable sanitizer at the time of inspection).

### ***Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center (FMWCC)***

No critical violations were identified at the time of inspections.

### ***Southern Desert Correctional Center (SDCC)\*\****

1. Handwashing sinks were not fully operational.  
(Soap dispensers for all handwashing sinks throughout the culinary and bakery were not working at the time of inspection).
2. Culinary staff were not following proper hygienic practices.  
(Due to the handwashing sinks not being fully operational, culinary staff were not properly washing their hands).
3. Equipment was not properly sanitized. There was a potential for cross-contamination.  
(The main culinary three-compartment sinks had no detectable sanitizer at the time of inspection).
4. Equipment was not properly sanitized.  
(Two high temperature dish machines were in disrepair at the time of inspection).

**It was explained to SDCC facility staff, that improper dishwashing and inadequate hand hygiene observed on 6/30/21 pose a risk for a facility-wide foodborne illness outbreak. These observed dishwasher deficiencies are now consecutive/repeated violations that were cited over several years of facility inspections.**

\*\*The NDOC Compliance Enforcement Officer ensured corrective actions will be promptly taken by the facility for critical violations which could not be corrected by the end of each inspection.

**MEDICAL SURVEY (TABLE 2):** Two state correctional facilities are medically inspected each year. As of the July 27, 2021 Board of Prison Commissioners Meeting, FMWCC has been surveyed. A medical survey at Northern Nevada Correctional Center (NNCC) will be scheduled for later 2021.

### ***Florence McClure Women's Correctional Center (FMWCC)***

1. Infection Control  
(Damage to the arm rest of a laboratory draw chair upholstery was observed).

**NUTRITIONAL ADEQUACY INSPECTION SUMMARY 2021 (TABLE 3)**: Summarizes information obtained during the inmate nutritional adequacy verification process in 2021. As of the July 27, 2021 Board of Prison Commissioners Meeting, HDSP, FMWCC and SDCC have been inspected for nutritional adequacy to ensure each facility was following the applicable Dietician-certified menus. The remaining State Prison inspections will be scheduled by the end of 2021. The letter “X” in Table 3 signifies compliant practices verified by direct observation, document review or an interview. Zero violations were identified regarding nutritional adequacy menu compliance during the 2021 inspections of HDSP, FMWCC and SDCC.

**COVID-19**: The following observations were made during inspections of HDSP, FMWCC, and SDCC:

- Employees are screened daily and as needed upon arrival at the institutions prior to entry.
- Visitors of the facilities were required to take a COVID-19 test. Each inspector from DPBH was administered a COVID-19 test upon arriving.
- The NDOC departments have PPE to include N-95 masks and make it available to all staff as needed. PPE stock was observed in facility warehouses.

**Included Attachments**

1. Table 1. DIETARY INSPECTIONS – Critical Violation Identified During 2021 Annual Dietary Inspections
2. Table 2. MEDICAL SURVEYS – Deficiencies Identified During 2021 Medical Surveys.
3. Table 3. INMATE NUTRITIONAL ADEQUACY INSPECTION SUMMARY 2021 & EXPANDED SUMMARY.

Should you have any questions regarding the Biannual Prison Commission Meeting Update, please do not hesitate to contact me at 775-684-1061.

# DIETARY INSPECTIONS (TABLE 1)

	Florence McClure											High Desert						Southern Desert							
	14'	15'	16'	17'	18'	19'	20'	21'	14'	15'	16'	17'	18'	19'	20'	21'	14'	15'	16'	17'	18'	19'	20'	21'	
Presence of insects/rodents																									
Handwash sinks not fully operational	X																								
Dented cans of food																									
Improper food temperatures																									
Refrigeration at improper temperature								X																	
Improperly labeled/stored chemicals	X			XX	X																				
Potential for cross-contamination																									
Expired/spoiled food																									
Equipment not sanitized									X																
Handwashing sinks not accessible																									
Culinary staff hygienic practices cited																									
Hot holding equipment at improper temperature																									
Person-in-Charge not knowledgeable																									
Sub Total of Critical Violations/Year:	2	0	0	2	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	1	1	0	2	3	1	5	4	2	4	2	5
Critical Violations Per Prison 14' - 21'	7									10						26									
Critical Violations 2021 to date	43																								

# MEDICAL SURVEYS (TABLE 2)

## Deficiencies Identified During Medical Surveys

	Florence McClure Women's Correctional				
	07'	11'	15'	18'	21'
Infection control/hazardous waste disposal	X	X	X	X	X
Sterilizer testing/maintenance		X			
Sterilizer training	X	X		X	
Medication (expired/storage/secured)	X	X			
Medication administration issues		X			
Physician orders		X			
Emergency supplies unavailable		X			
Medications unsecured	X				
Inmate TB testing		X			
Staff TB testing	X	X			
Staff CPR	X	X			
Inmate dental care	X				
Lab staff/lab licensure	X				
Lab test (quality control/procedures)					
Physical environment					
Inmate consent to treatment					
Dental tool accountability					
24 hour nursing coverage					
Staff health and safety				X	
Medical Records					
<b>Violations Cited/Year:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>TOTAL MEDICAL VIOLATIONS:</b>	<b>23</b>				

# NUTRITIONAL ADEQUACY INSPECTION SUMMARY 2021 (TABLE 3)

NURTRITIONAL VERIFICATION FOCUS POINTS	HDSP	FMMWCC	SDCC
A) Current NDOC fiscal year menu(s) version in place at time of inspection	X	X	X
B) Current NDOC fiscal year menu(s) followed by facility at time of inspection	X	X	X
C) Meal served at time of inspection consistent with the current NDOC fiscal year menu(s)	X	X	X
D) Spreadsheets available with portion sizes for preparing and serving meals	X	X	X
E) Pre-measure portion control utensils available and used	X	X	X
F) Daily menu substitutions documented if applicable	X	X	X
G) Religious diets available	X	X	X
H) Internal process available for inmate to request diet	X	X	X
I) Medical oversight for inmates requiring special diets	X	X	X
J) Current NDOC fiscal year menu(s) were available for inmate review	X	X	X
K) Nutritional content of the current NDOC fiscal year menu(s) were available for inmate review	X	X	X

"X" signifies compliant practices verified by observation, document review or interview

## **NUTRITIONAL ADEQUACY INSPECTION SUMMARY 2021 TABLE 3 expanded...**

### **A) Current NDOC fiscal year menu(s) in place at time of inspection**

Inspections conducted to date in 2021 revealed three State Prisons (SDCC, HDSP, and FMWCC) were following the current NDOC fiscal year menu(s) at the time of inspection.

### **B Current NDOC fiscal year menu(s) followed by facility at time of inspection**

Inspections conducted to date in 2021 revealed three State Prisons (SDCC, HDSP, and FMWCC) were following the current NDOC fiscal year menu(s) at the time of inspection. Each State Prisons' food service compliance was verified by the specific menu cycle week and day against the date of inspection.

### **C) Meal served at time of inspection consistent with the NDOC fiscal year menu(s)**

Inspections conducted to date in 2021 revealed three State Prisons (SDCC, HDSP, and FMWCC) were serving meals consistent with the current NDOC fiscal year menu(s). The date of inspection was used to verify the menu cycle. For example, HDSP was inspected on 6/28/21, they were following Week 4 Day 3 (Monday) of the menu cycle, which the dinner menu was verified to be Salisbury Steak and was being served by HDSP. In addition, Prison "dead man trays" were reviewed for menu compliance. Each facility holds the previous 72 hrs. of meals served called "dead man trays." Each tray's meal served was verified to be consistent with the current menu cycle.

### **D) Spreadsheets available with portion sizes for preparing and serving meals**

Spreadsheets with portion sizes were utilized at the time of inspection. The spreadsheets were verified onsite at each of the three State Prisons (SDCC, HDSP, and FMWCC).

### **E) Pre-measure portion control utensils available and used**

Portion control utensils were observed at each of the three State Prisons (SDCC, HDSP, and FMWCC).

### **F) Daily menu substitutions documented if applicable**

Through interview with culinary staff and document review, menu substitutions, if necessary, were documented on daily meal reports and reported to NDOC administration. Further interview verified meal substitutions occur when specific menu items were able to be served due to vendor product availability.

### **G) Religious diets available**

HDSP, FMWCC, and SDCC had inmates on religious/common fare diets. These diets were served through separately constructed common fare kitchens. Each common fare kitchen was inspected for food safety practices.

**H) Internal process available for inmate to request diet**

During inspection, the KITE system for inmates to request diets was in place. An inmate requesting a special diet are either assessed by medical or the facility Chaplin for common fare request.

**I) Medical oversight for inmates requiring special diets**

Each State prison had medical oversight by a physician for inmates requiring special diets. This was verified through diet order request in the culinary during inspection.

**J) Current NDOC fiscal year menu(s) were available for inmate review**

During inspection, HDSP, FMWCC, and SDCC had their menu(s) available for inmate review in their respective law libraries.

**K) Nutritional content of the current NDOC fiscal year menu(s) were available for inmate review**

During inspection, HDSP, FMWCC, and SDCC had their menu(s) nutritional content available for inmate review in their respective law libraries.