



# CORRECTIONAL MEDICAL AUTHORITY

## PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH SURVEY

of

## GAINESVILLE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION

in

Gainesville, Florida

on

April 17 – 19, 2001

| INSTITUTIONAL STATISTICS PROVIDED TO CMA on April 11, 2001 |         |      |                  |                       |
|--|---------|------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Population   | Custody | Type | Maximum Capacity | Current Occupied Beds |
| Adult  | Medium  | Male | 378              | 372                   |

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## OVERVIEW

On April 20, 2001, the Correctional Medical Authority concluded a physical and mental health survey of Gainesville Correctional Institution (GNVCI), located in Gainesville, Florida. At the time of the survey, GNVCI served an adult male population of approximately 372 inmates assigned to medical grades 1 and 2 and psychological grade 1 (one inmate in medical grade 3 was temporarily housed at the institution). The primary mission of GNVCI is the provision of a Tier 3 substance abuse program. There were no sex offenders, confinement or close management inmates housed there, nor were there any certified suicide isolation cells or an infirmary at the facility. Inmates requiring complex medical/dental care or psychotropic medication/inpatient mental health services were not routinely assigned.

| <i>Medical Grade</i>                | <i>1</i>                        | <i>2</i>  | <i>3</i>  | <i>4</i>            | <i>Impaired</i> |                 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                     | <b>346</b>                      | <b>28</b> | <b>1</b>  | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>        |                 |
| <i>Psychological Grade</i>          | <i>Mental Health Outpatient</i> |           |           | <i>MH Inpatient</i> |                 |                 |
| <i>(S-Grade)</i>                    | <i>1</i>                        | <i>2</i>  | <i>3</i>  | <i>4</i>            | <i>5</i>        | <i>Impaired</i> |
|                                     | <b>374</b>                      | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>        |
| <i>Confinement/Close Management</i> | <i>DC</i>                       | <i>AC</i> | <i>PM</i> | <i>CM3</i>          | <i>CM2</i>      | <i>CM1</i>      |
|                                     | <b>0</b>                        | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>  | <b>0</b>            | <b>0</b>        | <b>0</b>        |

The goal of the survey was to determine if the physical/dental and mental health care systems in place at the institution were consistent with the standards of care established by the CMA and with prevailing professional practice standards. For a detailed description of the survey goals and processes, refer to the "Survey Process" section of this report.

A thorough review was conducted of the physical health-related systems in place at the institution, including the physical plant, administrative processes, and the provision and documentation of care. The survey revealed five physical health-related findings where institutional practices deviated somewhat from Department of Corrections' standards, CMA standards, or with standards of care generally accepted in the community at large. Medical record reviews revealed that two of four (50%) INH Therapy Clinic records lacked documentation of the therapy start date, and in a review of the intake process, four of five (80%) randomly selected medical records lacked evidence that vital signs were taken when the inmate processed into the institution. Two administratively related findings were also noted. No clear evidence was available that an annual physician peer review had been conducted, and an emergency eye wash station was not located in the medical unit.

Findings of the review of the institution's mental health program were generally positive. With only one exception, a lack of consistent updating of consent for treatment documentation in the medical record, the provision of care appeared adequate to the

needs of the inmates. Crisis intervention was provided as necessary and all attempts were made by the staff to ensure that inmates adjusted to the stresses of substance abuse treatment.

At the conclusion of the survey, an exit conference was held on site with department and regional staff to discuss the preliminary findings of the team members. The physical health and mental health sections of this report reflect the findings and final conclusions drawn following an analysis of the information collected during the survey. Where recommended corrective actions are provided, these recommendations should not be construed as the only action required to demonstrate corrections, but should be viewed as guidance for development of a corrective action plan.