



CORRECTIONAL MEDICAL AUTHORITY

PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH SURVEY

of

HAMILTON CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION

in

Jasper, Florida

on

May 8 – 11, 2001

INSTITUTIONAL STATISTICS PROVIDED CMA on April 25, 2001				
Population	Custody	Type	Maximum Capacity	Current Occupied Beds
Adult	Close	Male	2542	2502

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OVERVIEW

On May 11, 2001 the Correctional Medical Authority concluded a physical and mental health survey of Hamilton Correctional Institution (HAMCI), located in Jasper, Florida. At the time of the survey, HAMCI health care unit served an adult male population of approximately 2658 inmates (Annex/1325, Main Unit/1058 and Work Camp/275) assigned to medical grades one through four and psychological grades one through two.

Medical Grade	1	2	3	4	Impaired	
	1380	964	333	23	31	
Psychological Grade (S-Grade)	<u>Mental Health Outpatient</u>			<u>MH Inpatient</u>		
	1	2	3	4	5	Impaired
	2,606	92	1	N/A	N/A	
Confinement/ Close Management	DC	AC	PM	CM3	CM2	CM1
	103	43	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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.

During the course of the four-day evaluation, the physical health survey team examined the institution's health care services/systems, toured inmate housing and treatment areas, and conducted staff and inmate interviews. Additionally, the survey team reviewed medical records related to the services provided by the institution.

The majority of the physical health services reviewed demonstrated compliance with the Department of Corrections' standards or with standards generally accepted in the community at large. However, there were concerns noted with some of the services reviewed under the following headings:

- sick call,
- emergency care,
- chronic illness clinics such as, asthma, hypertension and seizure,
- dental,
- mortality,
- housing (confinement areas)
- administrative,
- consultations,
- infection control,
- MARs, and
- OBIS

Findings from a review of the mental health program indicated that the current number of clinical staff is inadequate to provide the required mental health services due to high turnover in the currently vacant senior psychologist position, and the reassignment of one of three psychological specialists to another institution. Furthermore, the current staff is not credentialed by the Department of Corrections to provide the full range of mental health services for this institution. This situation is exacerbated by the size and complexity of the inmate population, with a significant number of mental health crises and over 90 S-grade 2 inmates on the mental health caseload. The mental health staff was prioritizing timely response to emergency mental health needs, whereas routine mental health services were either not provided or not provided in a timely manner.

At the conclusion of the survey, an exit conference was held on site with department 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.