

UNION CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

For CMA Survey Conducted October 22-25, 2002

PHYSICAL AND MENTAL HEALTH SURVEY FINDINGS REQUIRING OHS INTERVENTION

In addition to the physical and mental health findings of Union Correctional Institution referenced in the main body of the survey report (which fall within the scope of the institutional staff to correct), several other areas of concern were noted. These findings may be based on standards adopted by the CMA, but not addressed in OHS policy, procedure, or directive, or on other issues beyond institutional control. Therefore, corrective actions at the institutional level can be initiated only by or with the authority or intervention of the OHS.

The items listed below identify the finding, the name of the audit instrument used by CMA surveyors and the specific screen number, if applicable, and what criteria were used to determine the standard was not met.

PHYSICAL HEALTH

- 1. No evidence was available that monthly sanitation inspections of the facility were either conducted or reviewed by the health services staff.** (Referenced in the CMA Infection Control Systems Review Instrument, Screen 12).
- 2. No evidence was available that weekly sanitation and cleanliness inspections (including food preparation and eating areas) were either conducted or reviewed by the health services staff.** (Referenced in the CMA Infection Control Systems Review Instrument, Screen 13).
- 3, During a walk-through of the food service facility, food was noted on the floor in the scullery, as well as spilled sugar on the floor of a storage area.** (Referenced in the CMA Medical Area and Inmate Housing Instrument, Screen 49).
- 4. A ceiling leak was noted in a food storage area (dry goods), and water was dripping down an inside wall onto paper products.** (Referenced in the CMA Medical Area and Inmate Housing Instrument, Screens 49 and 50).
- 5. A meat storage freezer was inoperable, and had been so for at least two days. The meat had appropriately been moved to another freezer, but baked goods were still being stored in the broken freezer.** (Referenced in the CMA Medical Area and Inmate Housing Instrument, Screens 49 and 50).

MENTAL HEALTH

Physician's orders did not specify observations at least every 15 minutes for inmates placed on suicide observation status. This standard is referenced in the CMA Self-Injury/Suicide Prevention Record Review Instrument, Screen 3 and is based upon national correctional healthcare standards and prevailing professional practices in the community at large.