
AVON PARK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION



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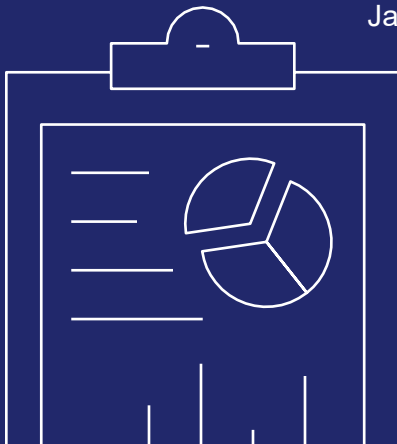
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BACKGROUND AND SCOPE

The Correctional Medical Authority (CMA) is required, per § 945.6031(2) F.S., to conduct triennial surveys of the physical and mental health care systems at each correctional institution and report survey findings to the Secretary of Corrections. The process is designed to assess whether inmates in Florida Department of Corrections (FDC) institutions can access medical, dental, and mental health care and to evaluate the clinical adequacy of the resulting care.

The goals of institutional surveys are:

- 1) to determine if the physical, dental, and mental health care provided to inmates in all state public and privately operated correctional institutions is consistent with state and federal law, conforms to standards developed by the CMA, and is consistent with the standards of care generally accepted in the professional health care community at large.
- 2) to promote ongoing improvement in the correctional system of health services.
- 3) to assist the Department in identifying mechanisms to provide cost effective health care to inmates.

To achieve these goals, specific criteria designed to evaluate inmate care and treatment in terms of effectiveness and fulfillment of statutory responsibility are measured. They include determining whether:

- Inmates have adequate access to medical and dental health screening and evaluation and to ongoing preventative and primary health care.
- Inmates receive adequate and appropriate mental health screening, evaluation, and classification.
- Inmates receive complete and timely orientation on how to access physical, dental, and mental health services.
- Inmates have adequate access to medical and dental treatment that results in the remission of symptoms or in improved functioning.
- Inmates receive adequate mental health treatment that results in or is consistent with the remission of symptoms, improved functioning relative to their current environment and reintegration into the general prison population as appropriate.
- Inmates receive and benefit from safe and effective medication, laboratory, radiology, and dental practices.
- Inmates have access to timely and appropriate referral and consultation services.
- Psychotropic medication practices are safe and effective.
- Inmates are free from the inappropriate use of restrictive control procedures.
- Sufficient documentation exists to provide a clear picture of the inmate's care and treatment.
- There are enough qualified staff to provide adequate treatment.

METHODOLOGY

During a multi-day site visit, the CMA employs a standardized monitoring process to evaluate the quality of physical and mental health services provided at this institution, identify significant deficiencies in care and treatment, and assess institutional compliance with FDC's policies and procedures.

This process consists of:

- Information gathering prior to monitoring visit (Pre-survey Questionnaire)
- On-site review of clinical records and administrative documentation
- Institutional tour
- Inmate and staff interviews

The CMA contracts with a variety of licensed community and public health care practitioners including physicians, psychiatrists, dentists, nurses, psychologists, and other licensed mental health professionals to conduct these surveys. CMA surveyors utilize uniform survey tools, based on FDC's Office of Health Services (OHS) policies and community health care standards, to evaluate specific areas of physical and mental health care service delivery. These tools assess compliance with commonly accepted policies and practices of medical record documentation.

The CMA employs a record selection methodology using the Raosoft Calculation method. This method ensures a 15 percent margin of error and an 80 percent confidence level. Records are selected in accordance with the size of the clinic or assessment area being evaluated.

Compliance scores are calculated by dividing the sum of all yes responses by the sum of all yes and no responses (***rating achieved/possible rating***) and are expressed as a percentage. Institutional tours and systems evaluations are scored as compliant or non-compliant. Individual screens with a compliance percentage below 80%, as well as tour and systems requirements deemed non-compliant will require completion of the CMA's corrective action process (CAP) and are highlighted in red.

INSTITUTIONAL DEMOGRAPHICS AND STAFFING

Avon Park Correctional Institutional (AVPCI) houses male inmates of minimum and medium custody levels. The facility grades are medical (M) grades 1, 2, and 3, and psychology (S) grades 1 and 2. AVPCI consists of a Main Unit and Work Camp.¹

Institutional Potential and Actual Workload

Main Unit Capacity	956	Current Main Unit Census	1112
Satellite Unit(s) Capacity	512	Current Satellite(s) Census	513
Total Capacity	1468	Total Current Census	1625

Inmates Assigned to Medical and Mental Health Grades

Medical Grade (M-Grade)	1	2	3	4	5	Impaired
	921	677	24	0	1	188
Mental Health Grade (S-Grade)	Mental Health Outpatient			Mental Health Inpatient		
	1	2	3	4	5	Impaired
	1528	96	0	N/A	N/A	63

Inmates Assigned to Special Housing Status

Confinement/ Close Management	DC	AC	PM	CM3	CM2	CM1
	10	67	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

¹ Demographic and staffing information were obtained from the Pre-survey Questionnaire.

Medical Unit Staffing

Position	Number of Positions	Number of Vacancies
Physician	1	0
Clinical Associate	1	0
Registered Nurse	6	2.5
Licensed Practical Nurse	9	1.5
DON/Nurse Manager	1	0
Dentist	1	1
Dental Assistant	2	0
Dental Hygienist	0	0

Mental Health Unit Staffing

Position	Number of Positions	Number of Vacancies
Psychiatrist	0	0
Psychiatric APRN/PA	0	0
Psychological Services Director	0	0
Psychologists	0	0
Mental Health Professional	1	0
Aftercare Coordinator	0	0
Activity Technician	0	0
Mental Health RN	0	0
Mental Health LPN	0	0

AVON PARK CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTIONAL SURVEY SUMMARY

The CMA conducted a thorough review of the medical, mental health, and dental systems at AVPCI on February 7-9, 2023. Record reviews evaluating the provision and documentation of care were also conducted. Additionally, a review of administrative processes and a tour of the physical plant were conducted.

Detailed below are results from the institutional survey of Avon Park Correctional. The results are presented by assessment area and for each screen of the monitoring tool. Compliance percentages are provided for each screen.

Survey Findings Summary			
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Physical Health Survey Findings

Chronic Illness Clinics

Cardiovascular Chronic Illness Clinic

SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE				Compliance Percentage
	Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	
1 The diagnosis is appropriate for inclusion in the cardiovascular clinic	18	18	0	0	100%
2 There is evidence of an appropriate physical examination	18	18	0	0	100%
3 At each visit there is an evaluation of the control of the disease and the status of the patient	18	18	0	0	100%
4 Annual laboratory work is completed as required	18	18	0	0	100%
5 Abnormal labs are reviewed and addressed in a timely manner	2	2	0	16	100%
6 There is evidence that patients with cardiovascular disease are prescribed low-dose aspirin if indicated	13	13	0	5	100%
7 Medications appropriate for the diagnosis are prescribed	18	18	0	0	100%
8 Patients are referred to a specialist for more in-depth treatment as indicated	1	1	0	17	100%

Endocrine Clinic Chronic Illness Clinic

SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE				Compliance Percentage
	Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	
1 The diagnosis is appropriate for inclusion in the endocrine clinic	17	17	0	0	100%
2 There is evidence of an appropriate physical examination	17	17	0	0	100%
3 At each visit there is an evaluation of the control of the disease and the status of the patient	17	15	2	0	88%
4 Annual laboratory work is completed as required	16	14	2	1	88%
5 Abnormal labs are reviewed and addressed in a timely manner	9	8	1	8	89%
6 A dilated fundoscopic examination is completed yearly for diabetic inmates	11	10	1	6	91%
7 Inmates with HgbA1c over 8% are seen at least every 90 days	3	2	1	14	67%
8 Inmates with vascular disease or risk factors for vascular disease are prescribed aspirin	9	9	0	8	100%
9 Inmates with diabetes who are hypertensive or show evidence of (micro)albuminuria are placed on ACE/ARB therapy	9	7	2	8	78%
10 Medications appropriate for the diagnosis are prescribed	16	16	0	1	100%
11 Patients are receiving insulin as prescribed	5	5	0	12	100%
12 Patients are referred to a specialist for more in-depth treatment as indicated	2	2	0	15	100%

Endocrine Clinic Discussion:

Screen 7: In the deficient record, the inmate was scheduled at 180-day intervals, rather than at 90 days as was indicated by his elevated HgbA1c level.

Gastrointestinal Chronic Illness Clinic

SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE				Compliance Percentage
	Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	
1 The diagnosis is appropriate for inclusion in the gastrointestinal clinic	13	13	0	0	100%
2 There is evidence of an appropriate physical examination	13	13	0	0	100%
3 At each visit there is an evaluation of the control of the disease and the status of the patient	13	13	0	0	100%
4 Annual laboratory work is completed as required	13	12	1	0	92%
5 Abnormal labs are reviewed and addressed in a timely manner	11	11	0	2	100%
6 Medications appropriate for the diagnosis are prescribed	3	3	0	10	100%
7 There is evidence of hepatitis A and/or B vaccination for inmates with hepatitis C and no evidence of past infection	12	7	5	1	58%
8 Abdominal ultrasounds are completed at the required intervals	10	10	0	3	100%
9 Inmates with chronic hepatitis will have liver function tests at the required intervals	12	12	0	1	100%
10 Patients are referred to a specialist for more in-depth treatment as indicated	0	0	0	13	N/A
11 Inmates are evaluated and staged appropriately to determine treatment needs	7	6	1	6	86%
12 Hepatitis C treatment is started within the appropriate time frame	7	6	1	6	86%
13 Laboratory testing for inmates undergoing hepatitis treatment is completed at the required intervals	4	3	1	9	75%
14 Inmates undergoing hepatitis C treatment receive medications as prescribed	3	3	0	10	100%
15 Labs are completed at 12 weeks following the completion of treatment to assess treatment failure	1	1	0	12	100%

General Chronic Illness Clinic

		COMPLIANCE SCORE				
SCREEN QUESTION	Total Applicable Record	YES	NO	N/A	Compliance Percentage	
1	The inmate is enrolled in all clinics appropriate for their diagnosis	16	16	0	0	100%
2	Appropriate patient education is provided	16	16	0	0	100%
3	The inmate is seen at intervals required for their M-grade or at intervals specified by the clinician	16	14	2	0	88%
4	There is evidence that labs are available prior to the clinic visit and are reviewed by the clinician	15	15	0	1	100%

Miscellaneous Chronic Illness Clinic

		COMPLIANCE SCORE				
SCREEN QUESTION	Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	Compliance Percentage	
1	The diagnosis is appropriate for inclusion in the miscellaneous clinic	12	12	0	0	100%
2	There is evidence of an appropriate physical examination	12	12	0	0	100%
3	Medications appropriate for the diagnosis are prescribed	12	12	0	0	100%
4	At each visit there is an evaluation of the control of the disease and the status of the patient	12	12	0	0	100%
5	Abnormal labs are reviewed and addressed in a timely manner	2	2	0	10	100%
6	Patients are referred to a specialist for more in-depth treatment as indicated	4	4	0	8	100%

Neurology Chronic Illness Clinic

SCREEN QUESTION		COMPLIANCE SCORE				Compliance Percentage
		Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	
1	The diagnosis is appropriate for inclusion in the neurology clinic	9	9	0	0	100%
2	There is evidence of an appropriate physical examination	9	9	0	0	100%
3	Annual laboratory work is completed as required	9	8	1	0	89%
4	Abnormal labs are reviewed and addressed in a timely manner	1	1	0	8	100%
5	At each visit there is an evaluation of the control of the disease and the status of the patient	9	9	0	0	100%
6	Medications appropriate for the diagnosis are prescribed	8	8	0	1	100%
7	Patients are referred to a specialist for more in-depth treatment as indicated	0	0	0	9	N/A

Oncology Chronic Illness Clinic

SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE				Compliance Percentage
	Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	
1 The diagnosis is appropriate for inclusion in the oncology clinic	6	6	0	0	100%
2 There is evidence of an appropriate physical examination	6	6	0	0	100%
3 Appropriate labs, diagnostics and marker studies are performed as clinically appropriate	6	5	1	0	83%
4 Annual laboratory work is completed as required	6	6	0	0	100%
5 Abnormal labs are reviewed and addressed in a timely manner	3	2	1	3	67%
6 At each visit there is an evaluation of the control of the disease and the status of the patient	6	4	2	0	67%
7 Medications appropriate for the diagnosis are prescribed	6	6	0	0	100%
8 Oncological treatments are received as prescribed	6	6	0	0	100%
9 Patients are referred to a specialist for more in-depth treatment as indicated	0	0	0	6	N/A

Oncology Chronic Illness Clinic Discussion:

Screen 5: In the affected record, elevated TSH levels were noted on 6/19/22 and 12/9/22 but were not addressed in the medical record.

Respiratory Chronic Illness Clinic

	SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE				Compliance Percentage
		Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	
1	The diagnosis is appropriate for inclusion in the respiratory clinic	15	15	0	0	100%
2	Inmates with moderate to severe reactive airway disease are started on anti-inflammatory medication	10	10	0	5	100%
3	Medications appropriate for the diagnosis are prescribed	15	15	0	0	100%
4	A peak flow reading is recorded at each visit	15	15	0	0	100%
5	There is evidence of an appropriate physical examination	15	15	0	0	100%
6	At each visit there is an evaluation of the control of the disease and the status of the patient	15	15	0	0	100%
7	Patients are referred to a specialist for more in-depth treatment as indicated	0	0	0	15	N/A

Tuberculosis Chronic Illness Clinic

	SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE				Compliance Percentage
		Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	
1	The inmate has a diagnosis of tuberculosis or latent tuberculosis infection	2	2	0	0	100%
2	There was no evidence a chest X-ray was completed	2	2	0	0	100%
3	There is evidence of initial and ongoing education	2	2	0	0	100%
4	There is evidence of monthly nursing follow-up	2	2	0	0	100%
5	Laboratory testing results are available prior to the clinic visit and any abnormalities reviewed in a timely manner	2	2	0	0	100%
6	AST and ALT testing are repeated as ordered by the clinician	2	2	0	0	100%
7	CMP testing is completed monthly for inmates with HIV, chronic hepatitis or are pregnant	0	0	0	2	N/A
8	Inmates with adverse reaction to LTBI therapy are referred to the clinician and medications are discontinued	0	0	0	2	N/A
9	The appropriate medication regimen is prescribed	2	2	0	0	100%
10	The inmate receives TB medications as prescribed	2	2	0	0	100%
11	The Inmate is seen by the clinician at the completion of therapy	2	2	0	0	100%
12	Documentation of the CIC visit includes an appropriate physical examination	0	0	0	2	N/A
13	Patients are referred to a specialist for more in-depth treatment as indicated	0	0	0	2	N/A

Episodic Care

Emergency Services

SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE				Compliance Percentage
	Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	
1 Potentially life-threatening conditions are responded to immediately	6	6	0	12	100%
2 The emergency assessment is appropriate for the presenting complaint/condition and completed in its entirety	18	18	0	0	100%
3 Vital signs including weight are documented	18	16	2	0	89%
4 There is evidence of appropriate and applicable patient education	14	14	0	4	100%
5 Findings requiring clinician notification are made in accordance with protocols	18	18	0	0	100%
6 Follow-up visits are completed timely	5	5	0	13	100%
7 Clinician's orders from the follow-up visit are completed as required	10	10	0	8	100%
8 Appropriate documentation is completed for patient's requiring transport to a local emergency room	10	9	1	8	90%
9 Inmates returning from an outside hospital are evaluated by the clinician within one business day	9	6	3	9	67%

Emergency Services Care Discussion:

Screen 9: In one record, the evaluation was not completed within one business day. In two records, the evaluation was not documented.

Outpatient Infirmary Care

SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE				Compliance Percentage
	Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	
1 Clinician's orders specify whether the inmate is admitted into the infirmary or placed on observation status. Admission status is appropriate for the presenting complaint/condition	15	15	0	0	100%
2 All orders are received and implemented	15	13	2	0	87%
3 The inmate is evaluated within one hour of being placed on observation status	15	14	1	0	93%
4 Patient evaluations are documented at least once every eight hours	14	14	0	1	100%
5 Weekend and holiday clinician phone rounds are completed and documented as required	5	5	0	10	100%
6 The inmate is discharged within 23 hours or admitted to the infirmary for continued care	15	15	0	0	100%
7 A discharge note containing all of the required information is completed as required	11	5	6	4	45%

Outpatient Infirmary Care Discussion:

Screen 7: In the deficient records, the discharge note did not contain the required information.

Inpatient Infirmary Care

SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE				Compliance Percentage
	Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	
1 Clinician's orders specify whether the inmate is admitted into the infirmary or placed in observation status. Admission status is appropriate for the presenting complaint/condition	12	12	0	0	100%
2 All orders are received and implemented	12	8	4	0	67%
3 A thorough nursing assessment is completed within two hours of admission	12	12	0	0	100%
4 A Morse Fall Scale is completed at the required intervals	12	10	2	0	83%
5 Nursing assessments are completed at the required intervals	12	11	1	0	92%
6 Clinician rounds are completed and documented as required	12	10	2	0	83%
7 Weekend and holiday clinician phone rounds are completed and documented as required	5	4	1	7	80%
8 A discharge note containing all of the required information is completed as required	11	6	5	1	55%
9 A discharge summary is completed by the clinician within 72 hours of discharge	11	3	8	1	27%

Inpatient Infirmary Care Discussion:

Screen 2: In the deficient records, vital signs were not documented at the intervals ordered by the clinician.

Sick Call Services

SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE				Compliance Percentage
	Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	
1 The sick call request is appropriately triaged based on the complaint or condition	15	14	1	0	93%
2 The inmate is assessed in the appropriate time frame	15	14	1	0	93%
3 The nursing assessment is completed in its entirety	15	13	2	0	87%
4 Complete vital signs including weight are documented	15	13	2	0	87%
5 There is evidence of applicable patient education	15	13	2	0	87%
6 Referrals to a higher level of care are made in accordance with protocols	12	12	0	3	100%
7 Follow-up visits are completed in a timely manner	10	10	0	5	100%
8 Clinician orders from the follow-up visit are completed as required	10	10	0	5	100%

Other Medical Records Review

Confinement Medical Review

SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE				Compliance Percentage
	Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	
1 The Special Housing Health Appraisal is complete and accurate	18	18	0	0	100%
2 All medications are continued as prescribed while in the inmate is held in special housing	4	4	0	14	100%
3 The inmate is seen in chronic illness clinic as regularly scheduled	4	3	1	14	75%
4 All emergencies are responded to within the required time frame	1	1	0	17	100%
5 The response to the emergency is appropriate	1	1	0	17	100%
6 All sick call appointments are triaged and responded to within the required time frame	8	6	2	10	75%
7 New or pending consultations progress as clinically required	2	1	1	16	50%
8 All mental health and/or physical health inmate requests are responded to within the required time frame	3	3	0	15	100%

Confinement Medical Review Discussion:

Screen 3: In one record, the inmate was seen in the chronic clinic at six-month intervals, rather than at the three-month intervals required by his medical grade (M3).

Screen 6: In two records, routine sick call requests were not completed for 11 days.

Screen 7: In the deficient record, a fractured metacarpal bone was demonstrated by X-ray on 12/2/22 but not referred to the orthopedist until 1/11/23.

Consultations

	SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE				Compliance Percentage
		Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	
1	Documentation of clinical information is sufficient to obtain the needed consultation	16	16	0	0	100%
2	The referral is sent to Utilization Management in a timely manner which is consistent with the clinical needs of the inmate	16	15	1	0	94%
3	The consultation is completed in a timely manner as dictated by the clinical needs of the inmate	16	14	2	0	88%
4	The consultation report is reviewed by the clinician in a timely manner	15	15	0	1	100%
5	The consultant's treatment recommendations are incorporated into the treatment plan	15	15	0	1	100%
6	All appointments for medical follow-up and/or diagnostic testing are completed as per the consultant's recommendations	11	11	0	5	100%
7	The diagnosis is recorded on the problem list	16	13	3	0	81%
8	The "alternative treatment plan" (ATP) is documented in the medical record	0	0	0	16	N/A
9	There is evidence that the ATP is implemented	0	0	0	16	N/A

Medical Inmate Requests

	SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE				Compliance Percentage
		Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	
1	A copy of the inmate request form is present in the electronic health record	17	17	0	0	100%
2	The request is responded to within the appropriate time frame	17	17	0	0	100%
3	The response to the request is direct, addresses the stated need and is clinically appropriate	17	17	0	0	100%
4	The follow-up to the request occurs as intended	12	11	1	5	92%

Medication And Vaccination Administration

SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE				Compliance Percentage
	Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	
1 The inmate receives medications as prescribed	15	14	1	0	93%
2 The Medication Administration Record (MAR) contains accurate allergy information	15	15	0	0	100%
3 Allergy information is complete and accurate for inmates on keep-on-person (KOP) medications	13	13	0	2	100%
4 If the inmate missed medication doses (3 consecutive or 5 doses within one month), there is evidence of counseling for medication non-compliance	0	0	0	15	N/A
5 There is evidence of pneumococcal vaccination or refusal	10	8	2	5	80%
6 There is evidence of influenza vaccination or refusal	12	12	0	3	100%
7 There is evidence of COVID-19 vaccination or refusal	10	10	0	5	100%

Intra-System Transfers

SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE				Compliance Percentage
	Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	
1 The health record contains a completed Health Information Arrival Transfer Summary (DC4-760A)	18	18	0	0	100%
2 The DC4-760A or a progress note indicates that the inmate's vital signs are taken	18	18	0	0	100%
3 The inmate's medications reflect continuity of care	8	7	1	10	88%
4 The medical record reflects continuity of care for inmate's pending consultations	7	7	0	11	100%
5 For patients with a chronic illness, appointments to the specific clinic(s) took place as scheduled	6	5	1	12	83%
6 Special passes/therapeutic diets are reviewed and continued	4	4	0	14	100%
7 A clinician reviews the health record and DC4-760A within seven (7) days of arrival	18	4	14	0	22%

Periodic Screenings

SCREEN QUESTION		COMPLIANCE SCORE				Compliance Percentage
		Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	
1	The periodic screening encounter is completed within one month of the due date	17	13	4	0	76%
2	All components of the screening are completed and documented as required	17	3	14	0	18%
3	All diagnostic tests are completed prior to the periodic screening encounter	17	17	0	0	100%
4	Referral to a clinician occurs if indicated	4	4	0	13	100%
5	All applicable health education is provided	17	17	0	0	100%

Periodic Screenings Discussion:

Screen 2: In ten records, vital signs were not compared to previous medical encounters. In two records, vital signs and weight were not compared. In two records, there was no evidence of tuberculosis symptom screening.

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		COMPLIANCE SCORE				
SCREEN QUESTION		Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	Compliance Percentage
1	The Alleged Sexual Battery Protocol is completed in its entirety	3	3	0	0	100%
2	If the perpetrator is known, orders will be obtained from the clinician to complete the appropriate sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing	0	0	0	3	N/A
3	There is documentation that the alleged victim was provided education on STIs	2	2	0	1	100%
4	Prophylactic treatment and follow-up care for STIs are given as indicated	2	2	0	1	100%
5	Pregnancy testing is scheduled at the appropriate intervals for inmates capable of becoming pregnant	0	0	0	3	N/A
6	Repeat STI testing is completed as required	2	2	0	1	100%
7	A mental health referral is submitted following the completion of the medical screening	3	3	0	0	100%
8	The inmate is evaluated by mental health by the next working day	3	3	0	0	100%
9	The inmate receives additional mental health care if he/she asked for continued services or the services are clinically indicated	0	0	0	3	N/A

Dental Review

Dental Care

COMPLIANCE SCORE

SCREEN QUESTION		Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	Compliance Percentage
1	The dental record contains a Dental Health Questionnaire, which is complete, current, and signed by the dentist	17	17	0	0	100%
2	Allergies are documented and correspond to the information in the current Dental Health Questionnaire	17	17	0	0	100%
3	There is evidence of a regional head and neck examination completed at required intervals	17	17	0	0	100%
4	Dental appointments are completed in a timely manner	17	17	0	0	100%
5	Appropriate radiographs are taken and are of sufficient quality to aid in diagnosis and treatment	17	15	2	0	88%
6	There is evidence of accurate diagnosis based on a complete dental examination	17	15	2	0	88%
7	The treatment plan is appropriate for the diagnosis	17	15	2	0	88%
8	There is evidence of a periodontal screening and recording (PSR) and results are documented in the medical record	13	13	0	4	100%
9	Dental findings are accurately documented	17	14	3	0	82%
10	Sick call appointments are completed timely	17	17	0	0	100%
11	Follow-up appointments for sick call or other routine care are completed timely	17	17	0	0	100%
12	Consultations or specialty services are completed timely	17	17	0	0	100%
13	Consultant's treatment recommendations are incorporated into the treatment plan	17	17	0	0	100%
14	There is evidence of informed consent or refusal for extractions and/or endodontic care	17	17	0	0	100%
15	The use of dental materials including anesthetic agent are accurately documented	17	17	0	0	100%
16	Applicable patient education for dental services is provided	17	17	0	0	100%

Dental Systems

	SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE			Compliance Percentage
		YES	NO	N/A	
1	The dental program is under the direction and supervision of a licensed dentist and staff are appropriately credentialed and working within their scope of practice	1	0	0	100%
2	Appropriate personal protective equipment is available to staff and worn during treatment	1	0	0	100%
3	The autoclave is tested appropriately and an autoclave log is maintained and up to date.	1	0	0	100%
4	Sharps containers are available and properly utilized	1	0	0	100%
5	Biohazardous waste is properly disposed	1	0	0	100%
6	X-ray fixer, scrap amalgam, amalgam capsules, and radiographs are properly disposed	1	0	0	100%
7	Dental instruments and equipment are properly sterilized	1	0	0	100%
8	Prosthetic devices are appropriately disinfected between patients	1	0	0	100%
9	A perpetual medications log is available, current, complete, and verified quarterly	1	0	0	100%
10	The senior dentist checks and documents the expiration dates of emergency kit drugs on a monthly basis	1	0	0	100%
11	Dental assistants work within the guidelines established by the Board of Dentistry	1	0	0	100%
12	Dental request logs are effectively maintained	1	0	0	100%
13	Necessary equipment is available, adequate and in working order	1	0	0	100%
14	The dental clinic is clean, orderly, adequately lit and contains sufficient space to ensure patient privacy	1	0	0	100%

Mental Health Survey Findings

Self-Injury and Suicide Prevention

Self-Injury and Suicide Prevention

	SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE				Compliance Percentage
		Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	
1	A thorough clinical assessment is completed prior to placement on Self-harm Observation Status (SHOS)	7	7	0	0	100%
2	The nursing evaluation is completed within 2 hours of admission	7	7	0	0	100%
3	Guidelines for SHOS management are observed	7	7	0	0	100%
4	The inmate is observed at the frequency ordered by the clinician	7	5	2	0	71%
5	Nursing evaluations are completed once per shift	7	7	0	0	100%
6	There is evidence of daily rounds by the attending clinician	7	7	0	0	100%
7	There is evidence of daily counseling provided by mental health staff	7	7	0	0	100%
8	There is evidence of a face-to-face evaluation by the clinician prior to discharge	6	3	3	1	50%
9	There is evidence of adequate post-discharge follow-up by mental health staff	5	5	0	2	100%
10	The Individualized Services Plan (ISP) is revised within 14 days of discharge	0	0	0	7	N/A

Self-Injury and Suicide Prevention Discussion:

Screen 4: In both records, there were blanks on the observation checklist, indicating that safety checks for inmates experiencing a suicidal crisis may not have been conducted during those times.

Access To Mental Health Services

Psychological Emergency

	SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE				Compliance Percentage
		Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	
1	There is documentation in the medical record indicating the inmate has declared a mental health emergency	18	18	0	0	100%
2	The emergency is responded to within one hour	18	18	0	0	100%
3	Documentation indicates that the clinician considered the inmate's history of mental health treatment and past suicide attempts	17	17	0	1	100%
4	Documentation indicates the clinician fully assessed suicide risk	17	17	0	1	100%
5	A thorough mental status examination is completed	17	17	0	1	100%
6	Appropriate interventions are made	17	17	0	1	100%
7	The disposition is clinically appropriate	17	17	0	1	100%
8	There is appropriate follow-up as indicated in response to the emergency	0	0	0	18	N/A

Mental Health Inmate Requests

	SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE				Compliance Percentage
		Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	
1	A copy of the inmate request form is present in the electronic health record	12	11	1	0	92%
2	The request is responded to within the appropriate time frame	11	10	1	1	91%
3	The response to the request is direct, addresses the stated need, and is clinically appropriate	11	11	0	1	100%
4	The follow-up to the request occurs as intended	11	10	1	1	91%
5	Consent for treatment is obtained prior to conducting an interview	11	6	5	1	55%

Special Housing

	SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE				Compliance Percentage
		Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	
1	The pre-confinement examination is completed prior to placement in special housing	15	15	0	0	100%
2	Psychotropic medications continue as ordered while inmates are held in special housing	0	0	0	15	N/A
3	A mental status examination (MSE) is completed in the required time frame	15	15	0	0	100%
4	Follow-up MSEs are completed in the required time frame	3	3	0	12	100%
5	MSEs are sufficient to identify problems in adjustment	15	15	0	0	100%
6	Mental health staff responds to identified problems in adjustment	0	0	0	15	N/A
7	Outpatient mental health treatment continues as indicated while the inmate is held in special housing	2	2	0	13	100%

Use of Force

	SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE				Compliance Percentage
		Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	
1	A post use-of-force physical examination is present in the record	6	6	0	0	100%
2	The post use-of-force physical examination is completed in its entirety	6	6	0	0	100%
3	There is evidence physical health staff completed a referral to mental health staff	6	6	0	0	100%
4	Documentation indicates mental health staff interviewed the inmate by the next working day to assess whether a higher level of mental health care is needed	5	4	1	1	80%
5	Recent changes in the inmate's condition are addressed	3	3	0	3	100%
6	There is evidence of appropriate follow-up care for identified mental health problems	4	4	0	2	100%
7	A physician's order is documented if force is used to provide medical treatment	1	1	0	5	100%

Outpatient Mental Health Services

		COMPLIANCE SCORE				
	SCREEN QUESTION	Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	Compliance Percentage
1	A consent for treatment is signed prior to treatment and/or renewed annually	15	15	0	0	100%
2	The inmate is interviewed by mental health staff within 14 days of arrival	10	10	0	5	100%
3	Documentation includes an assessment of mental status, the status of mental health problems, and an individualized service plan (ISP) update	10	10	0	5	100%
4	A sex offender screening is completed within 60 days of arrival at the permanent institution if applicable.	0	0	0	15	N/A
5	Consent is obtained prior to initiating sex offender treatment	0	0	0	15	N/A
6	A clinically appropriate conclusion is reached following the sex offender screening	0	0	0	15	N/A
7	A refusal form is completed if the inmate refuses recommended sex offender treatment	0	0	0	15	N/A
8	A monthly progress note is completed for inmates undergoing sex offender treatment	0	0	0	15	N/A
9	The Bio-psychosocial (BPSA) is present in the record	15	15	0	0	100%
10	The BPSA is approved by the treatment team within 30 days of initiation of mental health services	1	1	0	14	100%
11	If mental health services are initiated at this institution, the initial ISP is completed within 30 days	2	2	0	13	100%
12	The ISP is individualized and addresses all required components	15	15	0	0	100%
13	ISP problem descriptions include baseline data on the frequency and intensity of symptoms and identify functional limitations	14	14	0	1	100%
14	ISP goals are time limited and written in objective, measurable behavioral terms	14	14	0	1	100%
15	The ISP specifies the type of interventions, frequency of interventions, and staff responsible for providing services	14	14	0	1	100%

COMPLIANCE SCORE

	SCREEN QUESTION	Total Applicable Records	YES	NO	N/A	Compliance Percentage
16	The ISP is signed by the inmate and all members of the treatment team	14	14	0	1	100%
17	The ISP is reviewed and revised at least every 180 days	11	11	0	4	100%
18	Identified problems are recorded on the problem list	15	15	0	0	100%
19	The diagnosis is clinically appropriate	15	15	0	0	100%
20	There is evidence the inmate received the mental health services described in the ISP	15	15	0	0	100%
21	Counseling is offered at least once every 60 days	15	15	0	0	100%
22	Case management is provided every 30 days to S3 inmates with psychotic disorders	0	0	0	15	N/A
23	Case management is provided at least every 60 days for inmates without psychotic disorders	15	15	0	0	100%
24	The Behavioral Risk Assessment (BRA) is completed within the required time frame for inmates in close management (CM) status	0	0	0	15	N/A
25	The BRA is accurate and signed by all members of the treatment team	0	0	0	15	N/A
26	The ISP is updated within 14 days of CM placement	0	0	0	15	N/A
27	Inmates in CM are receiving 1 hour of group or individual counseling each week	0	0	0	15	N/A
28	Mental health staff complete the CM referral assessment within five working days	0	0	0	15	N/A
29	Progress notes are of sufficient detail to follow the course of treatment	14	14	0	1	100%
30	The frequency of clinical contacts is sufficient	14	14	0	1	100%

Institutional Systems Tour

Medical Area

	SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE			Compliance Percentage
		YES	NO	N/A	
1	All triage, examination, and treatment rooms are adequately sized, clean, and organized	1	0	0	100%
2	Hand washing facilities are available	1	0	0	100%
3	Personal protective equipment for universal precautions is available	1	0	0	100%
4	Appropriate emergency medications, equipment and supplies are readily available	1	0	0	100%
5	Medical equipment (e.g. oxygen, IV bags, suture kits, exam light) is easily accessible and adequately maintained	1	0	0	100%
6	Adequate measures are taken to ensure inmate privacy and confidentiality during treatment and examinations	1	0	0	100%
7	Secured storage is utilized for all sharps/needles	1	0	0	100%
8	Eye wash stations are strategically placed throughout the medical unit	1	0	0	100%
9	Biohazardous storage bins for contaminated waste are labeled and placed throughout the medical unit	1	0	0	100%
10	There is a current and complete log for all medical refrigerators	1	0	0	100%

Infirmary

SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE			Compliance Percentage
	YES	NO	N/A	
1 The infirmary is adequately sized, well lit, clean and organized	1	0	0	100%
2 Handwashing facilities are available	1	0	0	100%
3 Infirmery beds are within sight or sound of staff	1	0	0	100%
4 Restrooms are clean, operational and equipped for handicap use	1	0	0	100%
5 Medical isolation room(s) have negative air pressure relative to other parts of the facility	1	0	0	100%

Inmate Housing Areas

SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE			Compliance Percentage
	YES	NO	N/A	
1 Living areas, corridors, day rooms and general areas are clean and organized	1	0	0	100%
2 Sinks and toilets are clean and operational	1	0	0	100%
3 Hot and cold water are available for showering and handwashing	1	0	0	100%
4 Over-the-counter medications are available and logged	1	0	0	100%
5 Procedures to assess medical and dental sick call are posted in a conspicuous place	0	1	0	0%
6 First-aid kits are present in housing units	1	0	0	100%

Pharmacy

SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE			Compliance Percentage
	YES	NO	N/A	
1 All narcotics are securely stored and a count is conducted every shift	1	0	0	100%
2 Out-of-date controlled substances are segregated and labeled	1	0	0	100%
3 The institution has an established emergency purchasing system to supply out-of-stock or emergency medication	1	0	0	100%
4 The pharmacy area contains adequate space, security, temperature, and lighting for storage of inventories and work activities	1	0	0	100%
5 Expired, misbranded, damaged or adulterated products are removed and separated from active stock no less than quarterly	1	0	0	100%
6 A check of 10 randomly selected drug items in nursing areas reveals no expired medications	1	0	0	100%
7 There is a stock level perpetual inventory sheet for each pharmaceutical storage area and ordering and stock levels are indicated	1	0	0	100%

Psychiatric Restraint

SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE			Compliance Percentage
	YES	NO	N/A	
1 All equipment is available and in working order	1	0	0	100%
2 There is appropriate restraint equipment for the population in all necessary sizes	1	0	0	100%
3 All interviewed staff are able to provide instructions on the application of restraints	1	0	0	100%

Self-Injury/Suicide Prevention

	SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE			Compliance Percentage
		YES	NO	N/A	
1	The suicide/self-harm observation cells in the infirmary and observation cells in the special housing units are appropriately retrofitted and safe	1	0	0	100%
2	A sufficient number of suicide-resistant mattresses, blankets and privacy wraps are available for each certified cell	1	0	0	100%

Special Housing

	SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE			Compliance Percentage
		YES	NO	N/A	
1	Confinement rounds are conducted weekly	1	0	0	100%
2	A tool is available in the special housing unit to cut down an inmate who has attempted to hang him/herself	1	0	0	100%

Mental Health Services

	SCREEN QUESTION	COMPLIANCE SCORE			Compliance Percentage
		YES	NO	N/A	
1	Adequate space is available for the mental health department	1	0	0	100%
2	The inpatient unit environment is safe and conducive to providing mental health care	1	0	0	100%
3	Outpatient group therapy is offered	1	0	0	100%

Interview Summaries

INMATE INTERVIEWS

Twelve inmates agreed to participate in interviews. A common theme among interviewees was the timeliness of services. Nearly half indicated it takes a long time to see a provider. Additionally, several inmates reported they were not seen in response to sick call or inmate requests. Some inmates noted they had difficulty obtaining needed items such as diabetic shoes, passes or equipment. Inmates reported long wait times for the preventative dental plan but were satisfied with these services once they were initiated. Overall, inmates expressed satisfaction with mental health services

MEDICAL STAFF INTERVIEWS

Seven members of the medical team participated in interviews. All were knowledgeable about policies and procedures directing the provision of health care at this institution. Staff was aware of emergency plans and reported that security staff is cooperative and helpful when assistance is required. Many interviewees voiced concerns of increased workload, staff shortages and technical issues with the EMR and indicated frustration with connectivity issues.

MENTAL HEALTH STAFF INTERVIEWS

Avon Park has one mental health professional. Staff appeared dedicated to the inmates in care and was knowledgeable about the inmates on the caseload. Staff were easily able to describe the suicide and self-harm prevention techniques used and reported sufficient training for employees and therapeutic programs for the inmates.

SECURITY STAFF INTERVIEWS

Three correctional officers were interviewed. Security staff appeared knowledgeable about policies pertaining to the sick call process and the accessing of emergency and routine medical care. They correctly verbalized procedures that pertain to inmates being placed in special housing. They described a good working relationship with medical, mental health, and dental staff.

Corrective Action and Recommendations

Physical Health Survey Findings Summary

Chronic Illness Clinics Review	
Assessment Area	Total Number Finding
Cardiovascular Clinic	0
Endocrine Clinic	2
Gastrointestinal Clinic	2
General Chronic Illness Clinics	0
Immunity Clinic	N/A
Miscellaneous Clinic	0
Neurology Clinic	0
Oncology Clinic	2
Respiratory Clinic	0
Tuberculosis Clinic	0
Episodic Care Review	
Assessment Area	Total Number Finding
Emergency Care	1
Outpatient Infirmary Care	1
Inpatient Infirmary Care	3
Sick Call	0
Other Medical Records Review	
Assessment Area	Total Number Finding
Confinement Medical Review	3
Consultations	0
Medical Inmate Request	0
Medication and Vaccine Administration	0
Intra-System Transfers	1
Periodic Screening	2
PREA Medical Review	0

Dental Review	
Assessment Area	Total Number Finding
Dental Care	0
Dental System	0
Institutional Tour	
Assessment Area	Total Number Finding
Institutional Tour	1
Total Findings	
Total	18

Mental Health Findings Summary

Self-Injury and Suicide Prevention Review	
Assessment Area	Total Number Finding
Self-Injury and Suicide Prevention	2
Psychiatric Restraints	N/A
Access to Mental Health Services Review	
Assessment Area	Total Number Finding
Use of Force	0
Psychological Emergencies	0
Mental Health Inmate Request	1
Special Housing	0
Mental Health Services Review	
Assessment Area	Total Number Finding
Inpatient Mental Health Services	N/A
Inpatient Psychotropic Medications	N/A
Outpatient Mental Health Services	0
Outpatient Psychotropic Medications	N/A
Aftercare Planning	N/A
Total Findings	
Total	3

All items that scored below 80% or were identified as non-compliant should be addressed through the corrective action process. Within 30 days of receiving the final copy of the CMA's survey report, institutional staff must develop a corrective action plan (CAP) that addresses the deficiencies outlined in the report and in-service training should be conducted for all applicable findings. The CAP is then submitted to the Office of Health Services (OHS) for approval before it is reviewed and approved by CMA staff. Once approved, institutional staff implement the CAP and work towards correcting the findings.

Usually, four to five months after a CAP is implemented (but no less than three months) the CMA will evaluate the effectiveness of the corrective actions taken. Findings deemed corrected are closed and monitoring is no longer required. Conversely, findings not corrected remain open. Institutional staff will continue to monitor open findings until the next assessment is conducted, typically within three to four months. This process continues until all findings are closed

Recommendations

In addition to the needed corrective actions described above and based upon the comprehensive review of the physical, mental health, and administrative services at AVPCI, the CMA makes the following recommendations:

- Continue to train and support staff on optimally utilizing the electronic health record.
- Review SHOS procedures to ensure that the attending clinician personally evaluates patients prior to discharge.
- Ensure that laboratory and diagnostic testing is completed as required for periodic screening encounters.
- Ensure that orders are received and implemented accordingly for infirmary admissions.