# FOURTH OFF-SITE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN ASSESSMENT

of

## **DADE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION**

for the

Physical and Mental Health Survey Conducted November 18 - 19, 2015

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#### **CAP Assessment of Dade Correctional Institution**

#### I. Overview

On November 18-19, 2015, the Correctional Medical Authority (CMA) conducted an onsite physical and mental health survey of Dade Correctional Institution (DADCI). The survey report was distributed on December 14, 2015. In February 2016, DADCI submitted and the CMA approved, the institutional corrective action plan (CAP) which outlined the efforts to be undertaken to address the findings of the November 2015 survey. These efforts included in-service training, physical plant improvements, and the monitoring of applicable medical records for a period of no less than ninety days.

On April 12, 2016, CMA staff made an on-site visit to assess the institution's initial efforts in addressing the issues outlined in the CAP. On May 26, 2016, CMA staff requested access to monitoring documents and pertinent portions of inmate medical records. Based on the documents provided, CMA staff conducted an off-site CAP assessment on July 11, 2016 to evaluate the effectiveness of corrective actions taken by institutional staff. The CAP closure files revealed sufficient evidence to determine that 6 of 15 physical health findings and 1 of 21 mental health findings were corrected.

On February 3, 2017, CMA staff requested access to monitoring documents to assist in determining if an on-site or off-site assessment should be conducted. Based on the documents provided, CMA staff conducted an on-site CAP assessment on February 22, 2017 to evaluate the effectiveness of corrective actions taken by institutional staff. The CAP closure files revealed sufficient evidence to determine that 8 of 9 physical health findings and 14 of 20 mental health findings were corrected.

On May 15, 2017, CMA staff requested access to monitoring documents to assist in determining if an on-site or off-site assessment should be conducted. Based on the documents provided, CMA staff conducted an off-site CAP assessment on June 11, 2017 to evaluate the effectiveness of corrective actions taken by institutional staff. The CAP closure files revealed sufficient evidence to determine that 0 of 1 physical health findings and 1 of 6 mental health findings were corrected.

On September 27, 2017, CMA staff requested access to monitoring documents to assist in determining if an on-site or off-site assessment should be conducted. Based on the documents provided, CMA staff conducted an off-site CAP assessment on November 6, 2017 to evaluate the effectiveness of corrective actions taken by institutional staff. Items II and III below describe the outcome of the CMA's evaluation of the institution's efforts to address the survey findings.

## **II. Physical Health Assessment Summary**

The CAP closure files revealed sufficient evidence to determine that 1 of 1 physical health findings were corrected. All physical health findings are closed.

Finding	CAP Evaluation Outcome
PERIODIC SCREENINGS	PH-14 CLOSED
PH-14: In 12 of 17 records reviewed, there was no evidence that all required diagnostic tests were completed.	Adequate evidence of in-service training and documentation of correction were provided to close PH-14.

## III. Mental Health Assessment Summary

The CAP closure files revealed evidence to determine that 0 of 5 mental health findings were corrected. Five mental health findings will remain open.

Finding	CAP Evaluation Outcome
SELF-HARM OBSERVATION STATUS (SHOS)  MH-3: In 6 of 15 records reviewed, documentation did not indicate the inmate was observed at the frequency ordered by the clinician.	MH-3 OPEN  Adequate evidence of in-service training was provided, however institutional monitoring indicated that an acceptable level of compliance had not been reached. MH-3 will remain open.

Finding	CAP Evaluation Outcome
PSYCHIATRIC RESTRAINTS	MH-4, MH-5, & MH-6 OPEN
A comprehensive review of 3 psychiatric restraint episodes revealed the following deficiencies:	Adequate evidence of in-service training was provided, however there were no applicable episodes available for review. MH-4, MH-5, & MH-6 will
MH-4: In 3 records, there was no documentation of less restrictive means of behavioral control.	remain open.

Finding	CAP Evaluation Outcome
MH-5: In 2 records, vital signs were not taken when the inmate was released from restraints.	
MH-6: In 3 records, the inmate was not referred to the Multi-Disciplinary Services Team (MDST).	

Finding	CAP Evaluation Outcome
INPATIENT PSYCHOTROPIC MEDICATION PRACTICES  MH-13: In 1 of 2 applicable records (10 reviewed), there was no evidence that abnormal lab tests were followed-up.	MH-13 OPEN  Adequate evidence of in-service training was provided, however the evidence of correction provided by the institution was insufficient. MH-13 will remain open.

#### **IV. Conclusion**

All physical health findings are closed. Mental health findings MH-3, MH-4, MH-5, MH-6, & MH-13 will remain open and all other mental health findings will close.

Until such time as appropriate corrective actions are undertaken by staff and the results of those corrections reviewed by the CMA, this CAP will remain open. As some of the necessary steps to correct findings require further institutional monitoring, closure may take as long as three months. Follow-up assessment by the CMA will most likely take place through an off-site evaluation, but the option remains open to conduct an on-site assessment.