THIRD ON-SITE CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN ASSESSMENT

of

GADSDEN CORRECTIONAL FACILITY

for the

Physical and Mental Health Survey Conducted August 1-3, 2017

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CAP Assessment of Gadsden Correctional Facility

I. Overview

On August 1-3, 2017, the Correctional Medical Authority (CMA) conducted an on-site physical and mental health survey of Gadsden Correctional Facility (GCF). The survey report was distributed on September 6, 2017. In October 2017, GCF submitted and the CMA approved, the institutional corrective action plan (CAP) which outlined the efforts to be undertaken to address the findings of the August 2017 survey. These efforts included in-service training, physical plant improvements, and the monitoring of applicable medical records for a period of no less than 90 days.

On March 23, 2018, 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 April 24, 2018 to evaluate the effectiveness of corrective actions taken by institutional staff. The CAP closure files revealed sufficient evidence to determine that 10 of 12 physical health findings and 14 of 20 mental health findings were corrected.

On September 4, 2018, 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 September 26, 2018 to evaluate the effectiveness of corrective actions taken by institutional staff. The CAP closure files revealed sufficient evidence to determine that 2 of 2 physical health findings and 4 of 6 mental health findings were corrected.

On January 10, 2019, 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 March 14, 2019 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

All physical health findings closed at the second CAP assessment.

III. Mental Health Assessment Summary

The CAP closure files revealed evidence to determine that 2 of 2 mental health findings were corrected.

Finding	CAP Evaluation Outcome
SELF-HARM OBSERVATION STATUS (SHOS) A comprehensive review of 10 Self-harm Observation Status (SHOS) admissions revealed the following deficiencies:	

MH-3: In 2 records, documentation did not indicate the inmate was observed at the frequency ordered by the clinician.

MH-5: In 2 records, daily counseling by mental health staff did not occur.

MH-3 CLOSED

Adequate evidence of in-service training and documentation of correction were provided to close MH-3.

MH-5 CLOSED

Adequate evidence of in-service training and documentation of correction were provided to close MH-5.

IV. Conclusion

All findings as a result of the August 2017 survey are closed and no further action is required on this CAP. The CMA appreciates the efforts to improve services and documentation at this institution, and continues to encourage ongoing quality improvement activities to ensure that the proper provision of health care services is maintained.