

# CORRECTIONAL MEDICAL AUTHORITY

## **PHYSICAL & MENTAL HEALTH SURVEY**

of

**Gadsden Re-Entry Center** 

In

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# **DEMOGRAPHICS**

The institution provided the following information in the Pre-survey Questionnaire.

INSTITUTIONAL INFORMATION			
Population Type Custody Level Medical Level			
429	Male	Medium	2

#### **Institutional Potential/Actual Workload**

Main Unit Capacity	432	Current Main Unit Census	429
Satellite Unit(s) Capacity	N/A	Current Satellite(s) Census	N/A
Total Capacity	432	Census	429

### **Inmates Assigned to Medical/Mental Health Grades**

Medical	1	2	3	4	5	Impaired
Grade	177	252	0	0	0	0
Mental Health	Mental Health Outpatient		<u>patient</u>	MH Inpatient		
Grade	1	2	3	4	5	Impaired
(S-Grade)	103	26	0	N/A	N/A	0

### **Inmates Assigned to Special Housing Status**

Confinement/							
Close	DC	AC	PM	СМЗ	CM2	CM1	
Management	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	

# **DEMOGRAPHICS**

# **Medical Staffing: Main Unit**

	Number of Positions	Number of Vacancies
Physician	N/A	0
Clinical Associate	N/A	0
RN	2.8	0
LPN	2	1
Dentist	N/A	N/A
Dental Assistant	N/A	N/A
Dental Hygienists	N/A	N/A

# Mental Health Staffing: Main Unit

	Number of Positions	Number of Vacancies
Psychiatrist	N/A	N/A
Psychiatrist ARNP/PA	N/A	N/A
Psychological Services Director	N/A	N/A
Psychologist	0.1	0
Mental Health Professional	1	0
Human Services Counselor	N/A	N/A
Activity Technician	N/A	N/A
Mental Health RN	N/A	N/A
Mental Health LPN	N/A	N/A

#### **OVERVIEW**

Gadsden Re-Entry Center (GADRE) houses male inmates of minimum and medium custody levels. The facility grades are medical (M) grades 1 and 2, and psychology (S) grades 1 and 2. GADRE consists of the Main only.

The overall scope of services provided at GADRE include comprehensive medical, dental, mental health, and pharmaceutical services. Specific services include: health education, preventive care, chronic illness clinics, emergency care, and outpatient mental health care.

The Correctional Medical Authority (CMA) conducted a thorough review of the medical, mental health, and dental systems at GADRE on February 14-15, 2018. 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.

#### **Exit Conference and Final Report**

The survey team conducted an exit conference via telephone with institutional personnel to discuss preliminary survey results. The findings and final conclusions presented in this report are a result of further analysis of the information collected during the survey. The suggested corrective actions included in this report should not be construed as the only action required to demonstrate correction, but should be viewed as a guide for developing a corrective action plan. Where recommended corrective actions suggest in-service training. A copy of the curriculum and attendance roster should be included in the corrective action plan files. Additionally, evidence of appropriate biweekly monitoring should be included in the files for each finding. Unless otherwise specified, this monitoring should be conducted by an institutional clinician/peer and documented by a biweekly compilation of the following:

- 1) The inmate names and DC numbers corresponding to the charts (medical records) reviewed:
- 2) The criteria/finding being reviewed;
- 3) An indication of whether the criteria/finding was met for each chart reviewed;
- 4) The percentage of charts reviewed each month complying with the criteria;
- 5) Back-up documentation consisting of copies of the relevant sections reviewed from the sampled charts.

## PHYSICAL HEALTH FINDINGS

Gadsden Re-Enter Center (GADRE) provides outpatient physical health services. The following are the medical grades used by the Department to classify inmate physical health needs at GADRE:

- M1 Inmate requires routine care (periodic screening, sick call, emergency care).
- M2 Inmate is being followed in a chronic illness clinic (CIC) but is stable and requires care at intervals of every six to twelve months.

### **CLINICAL RECORDS REVIEW**

#### **CHRONIC ILLNESS RECORD REVIEW**

There were no findings requiring corrective action in the review of the chronic illness clinics or the general chronic illness clinic review.

#### **EPISODIC CARE REVIEW**

There were no findings requiring corrective action in the review of emergency care or sick call services. There are no infirmary services provided at GADRE.

#### OTHER MEDICAL RECORD REVIEW

There were no findings requiring corrective action in the review of consultations, medical inmate requests, or medication administration. There were findings requiring corrective action in the review of intra-system transfers and periodic screenings. The items to be addressed are indicated in the tables below.

#### **DENTAL REVIEW**

There are no dental services provided at GADRE.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE PROCESSES REVIEW

There were no findings requiring corrective action in the review of pharmacy services, infection control, or in the administration of the pill line.

#### **INSTITUTIONAL TOUR**

There was a finding requiring corrective action as a result of the institutional tour; the item to be addressed is indicated in the table below.

Intra-system Transfers Record Review		
Finding(s)	Suggested Corrective Action(s)	
PH-1: In 4 of 16 records reviewed, the DC4-760A "Health Information Transfer/Arrival Summary" was not completed in its entirety by the receiving institution (see discussion).	Provide in-service training to staff regarding the issue(s) identified in the Finding(s) column.  Create a monitoring tool and conduct biweekly monitoring of no less than ten records of those transferring into the institution to evaluate the effectiveness of	
	corrections.  Continue monitoring until closure is affirmed through the CMA corrective action plan assessment.	

**Discussion PH-1:** In two records, the date of the arrival was not documented. In one record, the time of the arrival evaluation was not documented. In the fourth record, the back page of the arrival summary was incomplete. Additionally, two of these arrival summaries did not contain the receiving institution's name or facility number.

Periodic Screenings		
Finding(s)	Suggested Corrective Action(s)	
PH-2: In 3 of 9 records reviewed, there was no evidence that health education was provided.	Provide in-service training to staff regarding the issue(s) identified in the Finding(s) column.  Create a monitoring tool and conduct biweekly monitoring of no less than ten records of those who received a periodic	
	screening to evaluate the effectiveness of corrections.  Continue monitoring until closure is	
	affirmed through the CMA corrective action plan assessment.	

Institutional Tour		
Finding(s)	Suggested Corrective Action(s)	
A tour of the facility revealed the following deficiency:	Provide evidence in the closure file that the issues described have been corrected. This may be in the form of documentation,	
PH-3: Procedures to access sick call were not posted in the dorms.	invoice, etc.	
·	Continue monitoring until closure is affirmed through the CMA corrective action plan assessment.	

### **CONCLUSION - PHYSICAL HEALTH**

The physical health staff at GADRE serves inmates with multiple medical comorbidities. Physical health care is provided on an outpatient basis. In addition to providing routine physical health care and inmate education, medical staff participates in continuing education and infection control activities. Reportable findings requiring corrective action are outlined in the tables above.

The staff at GADRE was helpful throughout the survey process and presented as knowledgeable and dedicated to the inmates they serve. Interviews conducted by surveyors and CMA staff indicated that inmates, as well as security staff, demonstrated familiarity with policies related to accessing sick call and emergency services, however these procedures were not posted in the dorms for inmate access.

A review of medical records indicated that inmates enrolled in chronic illness clinics were seen at the required intervals. CMA surveyors found that follow-up with providers resulting from specialty services, sick call, and emergency clinics occurred timely. Incomplete documentation, however, was an issue noted in the review of periodic screenings and intra-system transfers.

Although, there were relatively few findings identified in the report, GADRE staff indicated they would use the CMA corrective action process to improve health care services.

## **MENTAL HEALTH FINDINGS**

Gadsden Re-Entry Center (GADRE) provides outpatient mental health services. The following are the mental health grades used by the department to classify inmate mental health needs at GADRE

- S1 Inmate requires routine care (sick call or emergency).
- S2 Inmate requires ongoing services of outpatient psychology (intermittent or continuous).

### **CLINICAL RECORDS REVIEW**

#### SELF INJURY/SUICIDE PREVENTION REVIEW

Infirmary services are not provided at GADRE, therefore there were no admissions to Self-Harm Observation Status (SHOS) or episodes of psychiatric restraints for review.

### **USE OF FORCE REVIEW**

There were no applicable use of force episodes for review at GADRE.

#### **ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES REVIEW**

There were no findings in the review of psychological emergencies or inmate requests.

#### **OUTPATIENT SERVICES REVIEW**

There were no findings in the review of outpatient mental health services.

#### **MENTAL HEALTH SYSTEMS REVIEW**

There were no findings in the review of mental health systems.

## **CONCLUSION**

GADRE has one fulltime mental health professional and a psychologist who is on-site two half days per week. At the time of the survey, approximately 25 inmates were receiving mental health services. In addition to providing services to these inmates, staff answers inmate requests and responds to psychological emergencies. Staff also performs sex offender screenings when needed.

The quality of progress notes and summaries was excellent and the documentation of mental health encounters was complete and informative. When reviewing mental health records, the course and progress of treatment was clear. The interview with the mental health professional revealed a familiarity with the mental health caseload and a strong desire to provide quality services. After a review of mental health records and interviews with inmates and staff, no corrective action plan is required by the CMA for mental health.

## **SURVEY PROCESS**

The goals of every survey performed by the CMA are:

- 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, 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; and,
- 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:

- If inmates have adequate access to medical and dental health screening and evaluation and to ongoing preventative and primary health care.
- If inmates receive adequate and appropriate mental health screening, evaluation and classification.
- If inmates receive complete and timely orientation on how to access physical, dental, and mental health services.
- If inmates have adequate access to medical and dental treatment that results in the remission of symptoms or in improved functioning.
- If 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.
- If inmates receive and benefit from safe and effective medication, laboratory, radiology, and dental practices.
- If inmates have access to timely and appropriate referral and consultation services.
- If psychotropic medication practices are safe and effective.
- If inmates are free from the inappropriate use of restrictive control procedures.
- If sufficient documentation exists to provide a clear picture of the inmate's care and treatment.
- If there are sufficient numbers of qualified staff to provide adequate treatment.

To meet these objectives, the CMA contracts with a variety of licensed community and public health care practitioners such as physicians, psychiatrists, dentists, nurses, psychologists, and licensed mental health professionals. The survey process includes a review of the physical, dental and mental health systems, specifically, the existence and application of written policies and procedures, staff credentials, staff training, confinement practices, and a myriad of additional administrative issues. Individual case reviews are also conducted. The cases selected for review are representative of inmates who are receiving mental and/or physical health services (or who are eligible to receive such services).

Conclusions drawn by members of the survey team are based on several methods of evidence collection:

- Physical evidence direct observation by members of the survey team (tours and observation of evaluation/treatment encounters)
- Testimonial evidence obtained through staff and inmate interviews (and substantiated through investigation)

- Documentary evidence obtained through reviews of medical/dental records, treatment plans, schedules, logs, administrative reports, physician orders, service medication administration reports, meeting minutes, training records, etc.
- Analytical evidence developed by comparative and deductive analysis from several pieces of evidence gathered by the surveyor

Administrative (system) reviews generally measure whether the institution has policies in place to guide and direct responsible institutional personnel in the performance of their duties and if those policies are being followed. Clinical reviews of selected inmate medical, dental and mental health records measure if the care provided to inmates meets the statutorily mandated standard. Encounters of an episodic nature, such as sick call, an emergency, an infirmary admission, restraints, or a suicide episode, as well as encounters related to a long-term chronic illness or on-going mental health treatment are reviewed. Efforts are also made to confirm that administrative documentation (e.g., logs, consultation requests, medication administration reports, etc.) coincides with clinical documentation.

Findings identified as a result of the survey may arise from a single event or from a trend of similar events. They may also involve past or present events that either had or may have the potential of compromising inmate health care. All findings identified in the body of the report under the physical or mental health sections require corrective action by institutional staff.