CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION INSPECTION COMMITTEE REPORT:

ON-SITE VISIT AT THE CHILLICOTHE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION

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ON-SITE VISIT PROFILE

Date of On-Site Visit:

Type of On-Site Visit:

January 4, 2007

Announced

CIIC Staff Present: Brianna Michalak, Inspector

Richard Spence, Inspector

Institution Staff Present: Leah Bobb-Itt, Deputy Warden of Special Services

Brian Wittrup, Deputy Warden of Operations Drew Hildebrand, Deputy of Administration

Steve Clever, Major

Leta Pritchard, Warden's Administrative Assistant Steve Brooks, Health and Safety Coordinator

PURPOSE OF VISIT

The CIIC received communication from the visitor of a Chillicothe Correctional Institution (CCI) inmate, who resides in Dorm Dogwood 3. She made numerous allegations concerning the operations and physical plant of CCI, and specifically made allegations regarding Dorm Dogwood 3 and Dorm Dogwood 2. A written inquiry was submitted to Warden Timothy Brunsman regarding the allegations. He promptly responded to the inquiry and invited CIIC staff to visit CCI to observe the institution's operations and physical plant. Warden Brunsman also invited CIIC to attend a meeting between the inmate's visitor and CCI staff, so that CIIC staff, as an independent and objective observer, could discuss their observations from the on-site visit.

VISITOR'S REPORTED CONCERNS

The following is a list of the allegations made by the inmate's visitor regarding CCI:

- Dorm Dogwood 3 was overcrowded with 140 inmates and that 24 more bunks and inmates were added to the dorm on December 20, 2006, to increase the dorm population to 164 inmates.
- Dogwood 1,2, and 3 Building is old, and the floor of Dorm Dogwood 3 will not handle the additional two and one half tons worth of inmates and beds in the center of the floor. There are cracks running through the marble floor under the

beds in Dorm Dogwood 3. The ceiling of Dorm Dogwood 2 had already cracked and buckled from the previous weight.

- Dogwood 1,2, and 3 Building is filled with asbestos. There is asbestos around the heating and water pipes.
- Overcrowding has compromised the inmates' and correction officers' safety and security. There is only one correction officer to maintain order and control on Dorm Dogwood 3, and the officer must often leave the dorm unattended for 15 minutes to 120 minutes at one time. The correction officer cannot see the entire dorm due to the additional beds. Correction officers claim that under these conditions that there will be bloodshed every day, and several officers are leaving their positions due to the conditions.
- There are only six toilets, one urine trough, six sinks, and seven showerheads for the 164 inmates in Dorm Dogwood 3, and that quite often the sinks and showerheads are not all in operating condition. Raw sewage leaks from every toilet in the dorm.
- There are only two telephones, one microwave, and seven seats in the recreation area for the 164 inmates in Dorm Dogwood 3.
- The cross contamination of Tuberculosis and Hepatitis is rampant in the entire facility, especially in the chow hall where workers continue to serve food while testing positive.
- The water in the institution, including the dorms, visiting area, and public restrooms, is contaminated. She stated the water in the visiting area and public restrooms causes watery diarrhea.
- There is lead paint around the windows, which prevents the windows from being fixed.
- Many inmates, including the inmate she visits, have experienced almost nonstop bloody stools ever since the day they arrived at CCI.

AREAS/ACTIVITIES INCLUDED IN ON-SITE VISIT

Entrance Meeting with CCI Administrative staff in the Warden's Office

Dorm Dogwood 3 (Dorm D3)

Dorm Dogwood 2 (Dorm D2)

Dorm Dogwood 1 (Dorm D1)

Dorm Elm 2 [upper and lower floors] (Dorm E2)

Outside Recreation Area

Close Out Meeting with CCI Administrative staff in the Warden's Office

Meeting with Inmate's Visitor and CCI Administrative staff in Warden's Office

Meeting with the Acting Warden

ENTRANCE MEETING

Warden Timothy Brunsman was out of the office, so Leah Bobb-Itt, Deputy Warden of Special Services, was serving as the Acting Warden. Warden Brunsman did call his staff during the meeting to determine the status of our meeting.

The following CCI staff were present during the meeting in the Warden's Office: Leah Bobb-Itt, Deputy Warden of Special Services and Acting Warden, Brian Wittrup, Deputy Warden of Operations, Drew Hildebrand, Deputy Warden of Administration, Major Steve Clever, Leta Pritchard, Warden's Administrative Assistant, and Steve Brooks, Health and Safety Coordinator. The CCI Administrative staff were very cordial, attentive, concerned, informative, and candid during the meeting.

Discussion included the reasons for the on-site visit, the allegations concerning the conditions at CCI, and what areas of the institution we would like to visit.

The Deputy Warden of Operations relayed the following: CCI's previous operational capacity was 2,850, but that with the addition of 100 beds three weeks ago, the present operational capacity was 2,950. They have converted 100 single beds to bunk beds, and the additional beds are located in Dorms D2, D3, E2, and F2. Eight additional beds were added in Dorm D2 and 25 additional beds were added in Dorm D3. There are no mattresses on the additional beds in Dorm D3, which was a preferred or honor housing unit prior to moving the honor inmates to the double cells in B4. CCI has yet to receive 100 extra inmates to fill the new beds. Dorm D3 currently has 167 beds and 140 inmates, Dorm D2 currently has 151 beds and 149 inmates, and Dorm D1 currently has 142 beds and 140 inmates. The bed capacity for Dogwood D1, D2, and D3 Building is 460 beds.

Staff checked and stated that CCI's current population is 2,853. They stated they receive the majority of their new inmates from the Correctional Reception Center (CRC), but they also receive institution transfers from other institutions, especially involving inmates being placed in the Residential Treatment Unit (RTU) and Sex Offender Program.

Staff relayed that Warden Brunsman had the Deputy Warden of Operations, with the assistance of the Unit Management Administrator prepare a written report to evaluate CCI's capability to handle the increase in the number of inmates. Staff stated the report indicated that CCI was capable of handling the increase in the number of inmates, but if the findings had been different, the Warden would have conveyed the information to the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction's (ODRC) Central Office.

Staff stated there has been a reduction in CCI's Security staff due to budgetary cuts. Their table of organization had a reduction of 18 correction officers, from 351 correction officers to 333 correction officers, effective March 2006. It was also relayed that there were no layoffs and the reduction in correction officers was done through attrition. They stated some of the correction officer positions were eliminated, included a perimeter officer on each shift, the "10 Tower" officer on third shift, a second shift officer in Dorm E1, and second shift officer in Dorm A1, which is the substance abuse program dorm. It

was reported that the institution had received additional correction officer positions when renovations occurred several years ago, and that the reduction put them back at their previous numbers. The reduction resulted in the change of pick a post by officers. They maintained their seven yard officers, because of the flexibility the positions give the institution. They explained that the yard officers cover a large area and each yard officer does rounds in two living units. The yard officers are considered one of CCI's strengths. The CCI Administration met with the local union regarding the reduction in officers, and they accepted the reduction in officers. There was also a meeting at ODRC' Central Office with statewide union officials, Central Office staff, and CCI staff, and the union accepted the reductions. According to staff, they have not had any correction officers resign due to staffing issues.

Staff stated that Dorms D1, D2, and D3 have at least one officer on each shift, and they are not pulled to cover duties like the inmate dining room. Dorm D3 has one correction officer on first shift and usually two correction officers on second and third shift. The yard officers and supervisors also make rounds in the housing units.

According to staff, the reduction in officers has not caused an increase in the use of force, assaults, or gang activity. Most use of force occurs in the RTU. The Security Threat Group (STG) numbers are the same, but they have had an increase in the number of profiled inmates. There has been an increase in the number of manufactured weapons, but that has been in part due to finding buried weapons, which appear to be old weapons, and a correction in reporting flaws. Staff relayed stated that weapons have not been used in assaults in the institution. Staff stated there is a positive attitude among the correction officers and their morale is good. It was relayed that the Warden and CCI Administration solicit input from correction officers, which helps to foster good morale.

Staff stated they have had maintenance staff working in the tunnels, since the steam heat has been turned on, fixing leaks in the system to maintain pressure and heat. They also had maintenance staff fortify the fences after a vulnerability assessment. Maintenance staff have been working in the housing units fixing items/problems. According to staff, they have been putting out fires and trying to be reactive. They added that they have tried to address maintenance incrementally and through evaluation.

According to staff, CCI does not have structural defects, and is structurally stable. It was relayed that the CCI Health and Safety Coordinator stated you could put two semi trucks on D Dorm without any problems. It was reported that there is no asbestos in the housing areas. The asbestos abatement crew is removing asbestos in the tunnels, but the areas are properly contained for safety purposes. They stated the asbestos abatement crew has trained 26 CCI inmates and some CCI staff in asbestos abatement.

It was reported that they have a lead paint abatement program at CCI. Lead paint is normally treated by covering it with other paint, and does not pose a problem as long as it is sealed. They stated there is a new lock project in Segregation 1, and they have had to deal with lead paint in the area. They have segregated the inmates from the affected areas, and the segregation unit has limited inmates.

The CCI Health and Safety Coordinator joined the meeting. He stated the last asbestos in a CCI housing unit was removed from D1 two years ago. He has inspected the entire institution, and there are no structural problems. The concern with fixing the windows is not the lead paint, but the composition of the window caulking. A sample of the caulking was sent out two months ago to be tested, and they are awaiting the results. He relayed that they have contained and boarded three small windowpanes in D2 and E2.

The Health and Safety Coordinator stated they receive their water from the Ross Correctional Institution (RCI), and it is subject to outside tests. He added that the testing results are posted in the units. According to the staff person, some people do not drink the water, because it is hard water. He noted that there was a pinkish tint to the water two years ago, because an agent was spilled into the water, but it was still fine to drink. A notice was reportedly provided to the inmates at the time of the incident. It was relayed that administrative staff make coffee with the water every day. They stated there have been no problems due to drinking the water. Further, they have not received any other complaints about the water being contaminated.

It was reported that there have not been cases of cross contamination of inmates with infectious diseases. They have no inmates with active Tuberculosis (TB), HIV, or Hepatitis C. According to staff, inmates are segregated and isolated if they have an active infectious disease. They stated they have initiated Health and Wellness Checks on the units in the past six months. A nurse goes to the units with staff every three months, and checks for infections, tattoos, Hepatitis C, and MRSA. Medical staff issue medical passes to those inmates needing medical attention, and it does not result in the inmates being charged the \$3 medical co-pay. It was noted that they did random checks previously. Staff relayed that there have been no outbreaks of rectal bleeding at the institution.

As noted by the CCI Staff, the Warden and Administrative staff at CCI are concerned about the safety and security of the institution, which includes the inmates and staff.

WALK-THROUGH

All the CCI staff in the meeting were willing to accompany us on our trip through the institution, but CIIC staff relayed that it was not necessary to be accompanied by the entire group. It was agreed that the Deputy Warden of Operations, Warden's Administrative Assistant, and Health and Safety Coordinator would accompany CIIC Staff.

Dogwood Unit – Dorms D1, D2, and D3:

On entering the building, CIIC staff observed a small windowpane in D2 that was boarded up.

Dorm D3:

The one correction officer working the unit has been a correction officer for 34 years. He did not express concerns about security in the dorm based on the current or future number of inmates in the dorm.

A Dogwood Unit Sergeant stated they have at least one correction officer for each dorm, for each shift. He stated there are no problems with adding additional inmates, beds, and mattresses. It was relayed that some of his staff have expressed concerns about the structural stability of the building by adding additional beds and inmates, but there is no evidence to support the concerns.

CIIC Staff met the Unit Manager for D Unit, which includes D1, D2, D3, D4, and D5. D4 and D5 are located in a building across the sidewalk. He stated they have one correction officer to 150 inmates in the dorms, and that does not create a problem. He relayed that he has an open door policy for inmates, and they can talk to him about anything at any time.

The North Side Bathroom had four toilets, one urine trough, and four sinks. They were all tested and found to be in working order. The floor was dirty around the toilets and in the corners, but there was no sewage leaking from the toilets or signs that the toilets had been recently repaired. There was some tile missing from the floor. The water was clear and did not possess any odors.

The North Side Shower had five showerheads that were all working. An inmate in the shower stated that one showerhead had leaked and another showerhead had missing handles, but they were fixed yesterday. Staff and inmates stated that inmates can shower at any time. The showers did not have timers. Staff stated the showers in E1 and F2 are the only dorms with showers that have timers, which limit showers to ten minutes.

The South Side Bathroom had four toilets, one urine trough, and four sinks. They were all tested and found to be in working order. The second sink leaked slightly from the pipe below the sink. There were no signs of leaking sewage from the toilets or signs of recent repair. Chipped paint was observed in the toilet area.

The South Side Shower had five showerheads that were all working.

The North Side Recreation Area had a television, two benches, and a table with four attached chairs. An inmate stated the inmates have trouble watching television because of the limited space. He stated inmates fight, mainly verbally, to use the table to watch television or play cards.

The Middle Recreation Area had a television, one bench, a table with four attached chairs, two pay phones, and one microwave.

The South Side Recreation Area had a television and three benches.

An inmate pointed out a heating pipe near a radiator, which had a leak, and had been uncovered. Several inmates in the dorm stated it was wrapped in asbestos, which was exposed. A work order was submitted to fix the leak and test for the composition of the insulation. Staff indicated that an inmate had apparently uncovered the pipe. The Health and Safety Coordinator stated the insulation appeared to be fiberglass and not asbestos. (CCI Administrative staff reported to CIIC staff the following day that the area had been contained and the leak repaired. They stated the insulation was determined to be fiberglass.)

All the pipes in the unit were inspected for leaks or exposed insulation. The pipes in the ceiling area were not insulated. There was no exposed insulation on any of the other pipes, except for the heating pipe listed above.

Two inmates pointed out cracks in the marble tile on the floor. The cracks appeared to be surface cracks. They also stated that the dorm had been condemned two years ago.

Staff indicated that D3 was a transition dorm from 1999 to 2000, and that it was shut down briefly for renovations in 2000, to add sprinklers and a fire alarm. Staff indicated that the dorm floor consisted of eight plus inches of concrete, which is covered by marble tile.

The dorm floor had approximately 15 cracks in the marble tile, which all appeared to be surface cracks. There also appeared to be a surface crack in a small cement wall in the middle of the floor on the north side of the dorm. The walls and ceiling of the dorm appeared to be in good condition. The Health and Safety Coordinator stated the dorm was structurally stable, and that you could park two semi trucks on the floor without problems.

An inmate stated that the bricks were loose on the walls of one of the fire exits, but no loose bricks were observed.

There was one row of bunk beds lining the west wall of the dorm, one row of bunks lining the east wall of the dorm, and a row of bunk beds down the center of the dorm. The single beds that were converted to bunk beds were located in the middle row. The new beds did not have mattresses on them. Staff indicated that there were some wider than normal bunk beds in the dorm that did not allow for a full three-foot distance between all bunk beds. They stated the beds would be removed and replaced with standard beds. The spacing between some bunks was greater than three feet. Staff indicated that this probably occurred, because more powerful inmates forced other inmates to move their beds farther away.

The aisles in the dorm were clear of obstruction, straight, and allowed for at least two people to walk side by side comfortably.

The line of sight from the correction officer's desk was adequate at best. It was difficult to see beds on the end of the rows, and the dorm only appeared to have a quarter to a third of the inmates present. Some of the beds had clothing items hanging from them. Some unit staff stated the additional beds were placed in their line of sight.

Dorm D2:

There was one correction officer working the unit.

The water from the water fountain by the Unit Manager's Office and the middle television was sampled. The water smelled, looked, and tasted fine. The water did not have an odor or bad taste. The Health and Safety Coordinator stated the water comes from the Teays River Aquifer, is clean, and is tested regularly.

The ceilings appeared to be in good condition. The ceilings were flat and even, without cracks or buckling. The walls appeared to be in good condition. The floors appeared to be in good condition, with a few apparent surface cracks in the marble tile.

The pipes in the dorm did not have any observed leaks, and there was no exposed insulation on the pipes.

The South Side Bathroom had one round sink trough, one urine trough, and four toilets. They were all tested and were all working. There were no observed leaks or leaking sewage.

The South Side Shower had five showers, and all worked.

The South Side Recreation Area had a television and three benches. The other recreation areas also had limited seating.

The North Side Bathroom had one round sink trough, one urine trough, and four toilets. They were all tested and were all working. There were no observed leaks or leaking sewage.

The North Side Shower had five showers that were all working. An inmate who was taking a shower stated the showerheads rust out due to the hard water, and recommended replacing them with stainless steel showerheads. An inmate outside the showers stated there were two showers that were previously not working, but that they were fixed yesterday.

The bunk beds were aligned in three rows, with a middle row and two rows against the outside walls. The middle row of bunk beds had a separation in the middle of the row, which served as an aisle. The additional beds were added to single beds in the middle row of beds. The additional beds had mattresses on them, but no sheets or blankets. Staff indicated that eight beds had been added to the dorm, and that five of the beds had been filled, because inmates from other dorms had been transferred to D2.

Four inmates, who had adjoining bunk beds in the middle row, stated they had very little room to move around in the area between their bunk beds. The lack of space was due in large part to them having their locker boxes completely or partially sticking out on the floor.

Several inmates complained about only having 24 square feet of space between bunk beds. They stated that a prior lawsuit involving Governor Rhodes stated that 64 square feet is required for each double bunk.

Several inmates stated they needed an additional microwave. They stated there is only one microwave on the unit, and it is used to heat food and water.

Dorm D1:

There was one correction officer on the unit.

The beds were aligned in three rows similar to D3 and D2. There were six single beds on the unit, with three single beds on each half of the middle row. The other beds were bunk beds.

The South Side Bathroom had four toilets, one round sink trough, and one urine trough. They were all tested and in working order. There were no observed leaks or leaking sewage.

The South Side Shower had five showerheads, and they were in working order.

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The ceilings, floors, and walls appeared to be in good condition. The pipes appeared to be in good condition, and there was no exposed insulation on the pipes.

There was a large towel placed at the bottom of the north side fire exit door to apparently block drafts. Staff stated the towel would be removed.

The Recreation Areas had more seating than D3.

Staff stated that maintenance staff repairs broken items within seven days of reporting them. Other staff stated that most repairs occur within three days of being reported.

An inmate stated he was trying to purchase a judicial release form, but that his money had not been credited to his account. He was advised to contact his unit staff and kite the

cashier's office. Unit staff advised him to also contact the Institution Inspector, since he had just addressed a similar problem.

Elm Unit-Dorm E2:

The dorm has an upper and lower floor, and the dorm occupies the entire building.

There is one correction officer assigned to the dorm on first shift, and two correction officers assigned to the dorm on second and third shift. The officer on duty stated there were no problems working the unit with only one officer, and that not all of the beds were filled.

An inmate stated the bathroom facilities are fixed promptly when they break. He stated they do not have problems with fights in the dorm, and inmates communicate to staff if there is a problem. He stated the dorm gets somewhat raucous when all of the inmates are in the dorm.

Staff stated they have a three-phase program to provide additional electricity to each unit, so inmates could operate their own televisions, etc. Phase II has been completed, and the additional electrical links are available in electrical boxes outside the units. Phase III, which would cost approximately two million dollars, would link the electricity from the outside boxes to the dorms. It was reported that they currently do not have funding for Phase III.

Staff stated the microwaves break after a month due to use, and are replaced. They stated inmates use the microwaves to heat everything from water to full meals. They stated they are considering selling food warmers to the inmates to resolve the problem with the overuse of the microwaves.

Dorm E2 (lower floor):

There was a small broken windowpane that was boarded up. They are awaiting the results of the test on the window caulking before fixing it.

The bathroom area had two round sink troughs, one urine trough, five toilets, and seven showerheads. They were all operational, and there were no observed leaks.

There were two recreation areas. One area had a television and seven benches. The second area had a television, eight benches, and four tables, with each table having four attached chairs.

The walls, floors, ceilings, and pipes appeared to be in good condition. The floors are concrete and are not covered with tile. There was no exposed insulation.

Dorm E2 (upper floor):

The bathroom area had one round sink trough, four sinks, one urine trough, five toilets, and seven showerheads. They were all operational, and there were no observed leaks.

The walls, floors, ceilings, and pipes appeared to be in good condition. The floors are concrete and are not covered with tile. There was no exposed insulation.

Outside Recreation Area:

The outside recreation area was observed while walking back to the Warden's Office. Staff noted that they have excellent outside recreation facilities and programs for the inmates. The vast outside recreation area, which included multiple fields and courts, were observed. The majority of the large number of inmates were either walking or talking in the recreation area. Staff stated that they have adequate indoor recreation facilities, but it could be improved. They currently have two indoor recreation facilities, but based on available funding, are considering remodeling the old inmate dining hall into an inside recreation building or possibly adding a metal recreation building.

Several inmates in the recreation area were overheard discussing the poor medical treatment they reportedly receive from the medical doctor.

An inmate, who had pointed out problems in Dorm D3, stated he feared retaliation, because unit staff had been asking inmates which inmates had pointed out problems. It was later verified that his concerns were unwarranted.

CLOSE OUT MEETING

CCI staff at the meeting in the Warden's Office, included Ms. Bobb-Itt, Mr. Wittrup, Mr. Hildebrand, and Ms. Pritchard.

CIIC staff discussed what was observed relevant to the allegations. The majority of the allegations did not have any merit based on our observations and information received from inmates and staff. CIIC staff relayed that the institution appeared to be in good condition and operated well based on the age of the institution and the large inmate population.

It was noted that the sight lines in Dorm D3 and Dorm D2 were adequate at best, especially if the dorms were full of inmates and they were hanging items from their beds. CCI staff stated that inmates are restricted from hanging items from the side of their beds, and that they had talked to staff about enforcing the rules. They added that the sight lines in Dorm D1 were better due to staff enforcing the rules. CCI staff relayed that he had just talked to second shift officers at role call about enforcing the rules in the dorm.

CIIC staff advised them that CCI staff had made comments that they were concerned about the additional weight of inmates and beds in Dorm D3. CCI staff stated the

physical evidence does not support their concerns, as CIIC staff had observed, and that there have been rumors for years of the floors crumbling from the weight. They stated it was important to note that staff has not expressed security concerns regarding the increase in inmate population.

CIIC staff noted that the cleanliness in the Dorm D3's bathrooms left something to be desired. CCI staff indicated that the inmates needed to do a better job of cleaning and maintaining their bathrooms. It was noted that they have a new cleaner called Frequency 256, which is anti-bacterial and anti-viral, that the inmates can use.

CCI staff indicated that the inmates might have confused where the alleged sewage leaks occurred. They stated there was a leak in Dorms D4 and D5, which inmates alleged was a sewage leak, but it was not a sewage leak.

Discussion included receiving the extra 100 inmates, and the possible problems that could arise based on how they processed them. CIIC staff noted that when a large number of inmates was transferred from the Ross Correctional Institution (RCI) to the Warren Correctional Institution (WCI), and housed in close proximity that behavior problems reportedly occurred. CCI staff stated it was the institution's practice to disperse new inmates throughout the institution and mix them with existing inmates, to avoid problems of clicks or groups causing problems. They stated this process would be used in assigning inmates to the 25 new beds in D3, and the other new beds.

CCI staff relayed that Warden Brunsman is very open regarding the operation of the institution, and welcomes visits and inspections.

Discussion included the upcoming meeting with the inmate's visitor who previously contacted CIIC staff regarding her concerns, and who would participate. All the CCI staff were willing to meet with the inmate's visitor. However, it was decided to only include the Warden's Administrative Assistant and CIIC staff.

CIIC staff expressed appreciation for their time, cooperation, and information.

MEETING WITH INMATE'S VISITOR

The Warden's Administrative Assistant and CIIC staff met with the inmate's visitor in the Warden's Office. The inmate's visitor had previously been advised by CCI staff of the nature of the meeting and that CIIC staff would attend in order to inform her of CIIC staff's observations.

CIIC staff discussed each of her allegations, informed her of what was observed, and relayed the information received from inmates and staff. She was informed that CIIC staff's observations and the information provided by CCI staff did not support the majority of her allegations. CIIC staff discussed issues with the sight lines in Dorm D3, the cleanliness of the bathrooms in Dorm D3, and the exposed insulation on the leaking heating pipe in Dorm D3. CIIC staff stated that CCI staff were going to fix the pipe and

check the composition of the insulation, but preliminary observations by CCI staff indicated it was fiberglass. The visitor relayed that she had received a sample of insulation, with specific information about the source of the sample, which she was going to have independently tested.

The inmate's visitor was concerned how one correction officer could open two fire exits on opposite ends of the dorm in case of fire. The Warden's Administrative Assistant indicated that the yard officers have keys to unlock the fire exit doors from the outside.

The inmate's visitor stated that she and her children visit regularly, and they all get diarrhea each time, so she believed that there must be a cause. CIIC staff advised her that according to CCI staff, the institution has not received similar complaints, and that the CIIC office has not received similar complaints.

The inmate's visitor stated that she was concerned about the inmate's medical condition. She relayed that he has had diarrhea and blood in his stool since he arrived at CCI. She was reportedly told he had hemorrhoids, but she relayed that it is not the correct diagnosis. She stated his blood pressure is 190/130 and he is only receiving water pills. The Warden's Administrative Assistant stated she would talk to the inmate, check into his medical condition, and relay information concerning his status. (CIIC received information on the following day. It was reported that the inmate had been receiving proper medical treatment for his medical concerns, that some of the information relayed by his visitor concerning his medical condition was incorrect, and that the inmate is scheduled to continue to receive medical treatment.)

The inmate's visitor seemed to appreciate the discussion and information shared. While she appeared to regard the information as valid, she was still concerned if asbestos was in the dorms and the cause of the diarrhea.

CIIC staff advised her that the Warden and Warden's Administrative Assistant had stated that they would welcome communication from her if she had a complaint concerning the institution. She was advised that the inmate could also kite institution staff or could use the inmate grievance procedure to address complaints, especially medical complaints. Discussion included the inmate grievance procedure, including the three steps to the process. She was asked to let the inmate know that CIIC staff would welcome communication from him.

DISCUSSION WITH ACTING WARDEN

CIIC staff briefly met with the Acting Warden to discuss the outcome of the meeting with the inmate's visitor. CIIC staff expressed that it was regarded as a positive meeting.

FINDINGS

The following are the findings made in the on-site visit regarding the allegations submitted by the inmate's visitor:

- Dorm Dogwood 3 presently has an inmate population of 140 inmates, and a bed capacity for 167 inmates. The dorm has not received any "extra" inmates. Overcrowding does not appear to be a problem with the current or planned population, but it must be considered that any population increase puts additional demands on resources and logistics. It appears that the dorm has reached its maximum capacity, with the addition of the new beds.
- Dorms Dogwood 3 and Dogwood 2 appear to be structurally stable based on observation and information received from staff. Staff indicated that you could park two semi trucks on the floor of Dorm D3, without any problems. Surface cracks were observed in some of the marble tile on the floor of Dorm Dogwood 3, but the floor appeared to be flat and level. The ceiling of Dorm Dogwood 2 appeared to be flat and level, and there was no observed cracking or buckling.
- Dorms Dogwood 1, 2, and 3 do not appear to contain asbestos based on observation and information received by staff. Staff indicated that the last asbestos in a CCI housing unit was removed from Dorm Dogwood 1 two years ago. Staff stated that asbestos can only be found in the institution's tunnels, and that an asbestos abatement crew is working to remove it. Staff indicated that the exposed insulation on a heating pipe observed in Dorm Dogwood 3 was fiberglass.
- The safety and security of the inmates and correction officers does not appear to be "compromised" due to inmate population or staffing levels based on observations and information received from inmates and staff. Staff stated that Dorm Dogwood 3 has one correction officer assigned to first shift, and usually two correction officers assigned to second and third shifts. It was relayed that at least one officer works the dorm at all times, and the officer is not pulled to cover other areas. It was also reported that the dorm officer makes rounds every 30 minutes. They stated that the yard officers and supervisors also make rounds in the area. The sight lines in Dorm D3 were adequate at best due to the number of beds and inmates planned for the unit. The sight lines are improved when the rules regarding hanging items from the side of the bed are enforced. CCI Administration Staff talked to staff on the units and at second shift roll call about enforcing the rules. Staff and inmates stated that the number of altercations on the units has not increased with the increase in population. Staff relayed that correction officers have not terminated their employment due to safety and security issues.

- Dorm Dogwood 3 had a greater number of toilets, urine troughs, sinks, and showerheads than was alleged. The dorm has eight toilets, two urine troughs, eight sinks, and ten showerheads, and they were all working. Staff and inmates indicated that repairs were made to some of the showerheads and sinks the day before, but that repairs are usually made within a three to seven day period after they are reported. Leaking sewage from toilets or signs of recent repair was not observed.
- Dorm Dogwood 3 had a greater number of seats in the recreation areas than was alleged. The three recreation areas had a total of three televisions, six multiple seat benches, and two tables, each with four attached seats. An inmate stated there are verbal disagreements sometimes regarding the use of the tables, when some inmates want to watch television and some inmates want to play cards. CCI staff regarded the seating as adequate. There are two telephones and one microwave on the unit. Several inmates stated they need an additional microwave, due to the use. Staff indicated that they are contemplating selling food warmers to inmates to relieve the burden on the microwaves.
- There was no evidence, based on information received from inmates, staff, and Central Office staff, to support the allegation that cross contamination of Tuberculosis and Hepatitis is rampant in the entire facility. Staff and Central Office staff reported that there are no active Tuberculosis cases at CCI. They also reported that 291 inmates have tested positive for Hepatitis C, but that only one inmate is in treatment. Staff indicated that if an inmate has an active case of an infectious disease, they are properly treated, and would not be allowed to work in the kitchen.
- There was no evidence, based on information received from inmates and staff and the sampling of the water, to support the allegation that the institution's water is contaminated. Staff indicated that there have been no other complaints about the water being contaminated. Staff reported they have not had any physical effects from drinking the water. CIIC staff did not experience any physical ailments from drinking the water.
- There was no evidence to support the allegation that lead paint is preventing windows from being fixed. Staff indicated that they have not fixed three small windowpanes, because they are awaiting the test results on the composition of the window caulking. They stated the windows have been contained and boarded up. It was relayed that they have a lead paint abatement crew at the institution that addresses lead paint issues, and that the best way to treat lead paint is by sealing it.

- There was no evidence, based on information received from inmates and staff, to support the allegation that many inmates have experienced nonstop bloody stools ever since the day they arrived at CCI. Staff indicated that no blood has been found in the stool of the inmate that is engaged to the female who made the allegations.
- Except for the increase of the institution's operational capacity from 2,850 inmates to 2,950 inmates, the conditions at the institution are similar to conditions that existed during the CIIC Inspection of CCI on June 1, 2006. The inmate population on June 1, 2006 was 2,838, and the inmate population on January 4, 2007 was 2,853. CCI is an older institution, which faces the challenges of constant maintenance, due to the age of the facilities and number of inmates using the facilities. The Warden and his staff are professional and responsive in their approach, and very open concerning the operation and conditions of the institution.