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Memorandum for: Tae D. Johnson
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From: Marc J. Moore 
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Subject: Glades County Detention Center, Moore Haven FL—Waiver
Request Correspondence and Other Mail

Purpose

Provide waiver for the Miami Field Office as it relates to the Correspondence and Other Mail Standard Section (E) (1), within the National Detention Standards (NDS) 2000. Section (E) (1) states, "All facilities shall implement procedures for the inspection of all incoming general correspondence and other mail (including packages and publications) for contraband in the presence of the detainee. Incoming general correspondence may be read to the extent necessary to maintain security, as authorized by the OIC."

Background

A March 2018, annual contracted inspection of the Glades County Detention Center that found this standard deficient in one component. Incoming general correspondence was opened and inspected for contraband prior to being delivered without the detainee present. Glades County Sheriff's Office Operating Procedure 730.03 Inmate Mail outlines the processes for correspondence, mail delivery and mail inspections for inmates and detainees housed within the secure confines of the detention facility.

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Discussion

Staff does open and inspect incoming general correspondence without the detainee present for security reasons. This practice is authorized by the facility administrator and documented in writing. This practice is in accordance with the local facility policy. This standard has been found repeatedly deficient by contracted inspectors. Detention Standards auditors have indicated that this practice is acceptable if authorized by the facility administrator and documented in a local policy. If waiver is granted by the Custody Management Division, the facility will have met the requirement of the Uniform Corrective Action Plan (UCAP).

Recommendation

Based on the aforementioned information, I recommend that you approve a waiver to the Glades County Detention Center, relating to the Inspection of Incoming Correspondence, Section (E) (1), outlined in italics within the National Detention Standards (NDS) 2000.

Approve / date gmb 7/3/18 Disapprove / date _____
Modify / date _____ Needs more discussion _____