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SUBJECT: Grand Forks County Correctional Center, Grand Forks, ND –
Waiver Request

Purpose

Provide a waiver for the Grand Forks County Correctional Center as it relates to the Environmental Health and Safety Standard in Detention Facilities, Section III (P)(1) within the 2000 National Detention Standards (NDS), which states, in part: "Sanitation of barber operations is of the utmost concern because of the possible transfer of diseases through direct contact by towels, combs and clippers. Towels must not be reused after use on one person. Instruments such as combs and clippers will not be used successively on detainees without proper cleaning and disinfecting. The following standards will be adhered to:

1. The operation will be located in a separate room not used for any other purpose. The floor will be smooth, nonabsorbent and easily cleaned. Walls and ceilings will be in good repair and painted a light color. Artificial lighting of at least 50-foot candles will be provided. Mechanical ventilation of 5 air changes per hour will be provided if there are no operable windows to provide fresh air. At least one lavatory will be provided. Both hot and cold water will be available, and the hot water will be capable of maintaining a constant flow of water between 105 degrees and 120 degrees..."

Background: As the March 29, 2012, ODO Compliance Inspection of the Grand Forks County Correctional Center reported "Due to limited space, GFCCC does not have a dedicated barbershop. Barbering occurs in housing unit dayrooms that lack lavatories, as well as hot and cold running water."

Discussion: Grand Forks County responded that the standard for a barbershop is an inherent problem with the design of GFCCC and does not allow for a dedicated barbershop. Steps have been taken to ensure sanitary equipment, but the physical restrictions in the building currently

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don't provide a resolution of this issue. Currently barbering is conducted in the dayrooms, however, there are lavatories with hot and cold running water in close proximity to all day rooms. The detainees getting their haircut use the towel and comb issued to them to maintain both cleanliness and accountability. Grand Forks County Correctional Center provides clippers along with Disinfective H-42 Anti-Bacterial Sanitizer that is used after each use. Grand Forks County Correctional Center also provides a broom and dust pan for hair disposal.

Recommendation

I recommend authorization of a waiver to the Grand Forks County Correctional Center for NDS 2000- Environmental Health and Safety Standard, due to the physical restrictions of the facility.

Approve / date gmb 11/6/12 Disapprove / date _____
Modify / date _____ Needs more discussion _____