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MEMORANDUM FOR: Tae D. Johnson
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FROM: Marc J. Moore 
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Subject: Baker County Detention Center, FL- Waiver Request

Purpose

Provide a waiver for the Miami Field Office/Baker County Detention Center (BCDC) as it relates to the Environmental Health and Safety in Detention Facilities, Section III Subsection P within the 2000 National Detention Standards (NDS). BCDC currently has no dedicated barbering area within the facility. Due to lack of dedicated barbering area, other equipment and supplies required and supplies required by the standard, including covered metal waste containers, haircloths, and laundered towels, were unavailable.

Background

As the April 14-16, 2015, Nakamoto Group Inspection of BCDC reported, component was rated deficient during the last inspection because the barber shop was not located in a dedicated area and did not meet the sanitation requirements. The barber shop is not located in a separate room that is not used for any other purpose. The requirement of at least one lavatory with hot and cold water with the hot water capable of maintaining a constant flow of water between 105 degrees and 120 degrees is not being met. The barber area does not have appropriate cabinets or covered metal containers for waste. All hair care tools coming in contact with the detainees are cleaned and effectively disinfected. The facility does not use ultraviolet lights for maintaining tools after sterilization. This is a repeat deficiency.

Discussion

BCDC currently has no available space to add a dedicated barbering area. The multi-purpose rooms are currently utilized as they do have the necessary equipment to meet sanitation requirements. The barbering area has a sink with running water and disinfectants along with procedures for sanitizing tools used. Barbershop sanitation standards are conspicuously posted in both multi-purpose rooms. Additionally, BCDC has purchased and utilizes barbering capes, while also exchanging towels used by detainees during barbering with clean, laundered towels.

Recommendation

I recommend authorization of a waiver for BCDC for NDS 2000 Environmental Health and Safety Standards Section III Subsection P, due to the lack of a dedicated barbering area. The Miami Field Office will continue to work with BCDC, in order to become compliant with this detention standard.

Date Authorized amb 11/5/15 Date Not Authorized _____

Date Modified _____ Needs more discussion _____