

becomes even more critical. However, Warden Lavern Cohen and her team have failed to implement adequate training protocols to combat the challenges posed by Covid-19. This negligence has put the health and safety of both inmates and staff at risk.

Shortage of Staff and Prison Overcrowding

The SCDC, under the leadership of Bryan Stirling and Jerry Adger, has failed to address the pressing issue of staff shortages and prison overcrowding. During the state of emergency, when resources are limited, it is even more crucial to ensure an appropriate staff-to-inmate ratio. However, no concrete steps have been taken to rectify this situation, resulting in an unsafe and overcrowded environment that exacerbates the spread of Covid-19.

Failure to Provide Release during States of Emergency

Statutory damage falls on Bryan Stirling, the Director of the SCDC, for his failure to provide any form of release during states of emergency. With the pandemic posing exceptional risks within correctional facilities, it is imperative to explore possibilities for the early release of non-violent offenders. Bryan Stirling's unwillingness to consider such measures displays a complete lack of concern for the health and safety of individuals under his supervision.

Discrimination in Healthcare Policies and Training

Melanie Davis, through her negligence in policy and training in healthcare, has perpetuated discrimination within the prison system. All inmates should be entitled to the same level of care, regardless of their backgrounds or medical histories. By allowing discriminatory practices to persist, Melanie Davis has violated the basic principles of fairness and equality.

Consequences and Damage Caused by Covid-19 and Shortage of Staff

The consequences of Covid-19 have been devastating, particularly in an environment with a shortage of staff. The lack of resources has resulted in numerous health issues, including increased heart rate, difficulty breathing through the nose, skin infections, and tooth loss. The absence of adequate cleaning supplies and oral hygiene equipment only worsens these problems. Additionally, the compact and crowded conditions in these facilities contribute to cardiovascular issues and other health complications.

The Extent of Damage Caused by Lack of Resources

The shortage of necessary resources has inflicted significant damage on all aspects of patient care, further intensifying the impact of Covid-19 in correctional facilities. The compromised provision of essential services puts both physical and mental well-being at risk. With no established policy addressing the after-effects of Covid-19, there is a lack of support and resources for individuals who continue to suffer the consequences of the virus.

Legal Action and the Pursuit of Justice

Considering the severity of the gross negligence exhibited by Warden Lavern Cohen, Bryan Stirling, Jerry Adger, and Melanie Davis, legal action is warranted. It is essential to hold these individuals accountable for their actions and seek justice for the affected individuals within the prison system. The intended lawsuit, which aims to claim 1.2 billion dollars in damages, and release everyone in SCDC will shed light on the pain and suffering endured, demanding statutory compensation.

Conclusion

The gross negligence displayed by Warden Lavern Cohen, Bryan Stirling, Jerry Adger, and Melanie Davis in their respective positions has led to dire consequences for both inmates and

staff during the Covid-19 pandemic. The lack of training, shortage of staff, prison overcrowding, and discrimination in healthcare policies have all contributed to an environment that compromises the physical and emotional well-being of individuals under their care. Legal action is necessary to rectify these injustices and ensure a safer and more equitable correctional system for all.

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Why SCDC is Worried About Cell Phones but Remains Silent on Inmate Deaths from Covid-19

Introduction

The South Carolina Department of Corrections (SCDC) has long been concerned about the presence of cell phones in prisons, often using it as a focal point in their discussions with the public. However, it seems that they conveniently overlook the pressing issue of inmate deaths from Covid-19. This article aims to shed light on the alarming situation within SCDC, bringing attention to the lack of effective laws and the detrimental impact on both inmates and staff.

Inmate Deaths and the Absence of Protective Measures

A shocking fact that SCDC fails to address on television is the nearly 100 inmate deaths caused by Covid-19. With no adequate laws in place to protect inmates, many have been left to suffer the consequences of the virus. As a result, the author of this article, who has personally endured the affliction of Covid-19 for the past three years, points out the lack of assistance from the South Carolina Court. ## SCDC's Responsibility in Protecting Inmate Population

Over the past 17 years, SCDC has faced significant challenges, including overcrowding and understaffing in various departments. These conditions have led to the deaths of numerous individuals within the prison system. While the topic of cell phones may dominate SCDC's public discussions, they fail to address their inadequate resources for restoring inmate lives. Instead, SCDC's focus appears to be a tactic intended to divert attention and secure additional funds from taxpayers.

The Ineffectiveness of Prison Safety Measures

One example of the misuse of taxpayer money can be seen in the installation of expensive nets around prisons. Although these nets were meant to enhance safety and security, they have proven to be ineffective in preventing incidents. The author highlights the millions of dollars wasted on these futile measures, further emphasizing the discrepancy in how funds are allocated within SCDC.

The Financial Burden Imposed on Taxpayers

South Carolina taxpayers contribute approximately \$600 million annually to support SCDC's operations, which currently house around 17,000 inmates. This staggering amount of money is being spent on a system that seems devoid of any meaningful impact. The author argues that the hard-earned money of the American people is being misappropriated and ultimately used to perpetuate a cycle of destruction within SCDC.

Disparity in Inmate Wages and Minimum Wage

An alarming revelation about SCDC is the vast difference between the wages paid to inmates and the minimum wage earned by the average South Carolinian. While inmates make a yearly average of \$28,000 to \$32,000, individuals in regular jobs earn significantly less. The author insists that SCDC's inability to retain staff is, in part, due to the excessive workload. The strain

imposed on one officer to cover the duties of multiple officers creates an unsustainable work environment.

SCDC's Deviation from its Intended Purpose

According to Article 12, Section 2, and Title 24, SCDC was established with the purpose of restoring individuals. However, the overcrowded and understaffed conditions prevalent in the system have led to the deterioration of both staff and inmate lives. The author calls for a comprehensive inspection of SCDC, urging the implementation of necessary reforms in line with Rule 34.

Conclusion

SCDC's excessive concern about cell phones within prisons has become a smokescreen that diverts attention from the dire issues plaguing the system. Inmate deaths, overcrowding, and staffing shortages have created an environment that undermines the intended purpose of SCDC. It is time for taxpayers to awaken to the misuse of their hard-earned money and demand change in order to restore the lives of both inmates and staff within SCDC.

Jamie Goss has signed this Petition