

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RALPH COLEMAN, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

No. CIV S-90-0520 LKK JFM P

vs.

ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER,
et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER

On September 12, 2008, the special master filed part A of his twentieth monitoring report. Neither party has filed any objection to the report or its recommendations. Good cause appearing, the special master's recommendations will be made an order of the court.

In accordance with the above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Defendants shall develop a plan to address the overall dysfunction in custody/mental health relations at Salinas Valley State Prison (SVSP). This plan shall be submitted to the special master within ninety days from the date of this order. It shall be designed to resolve the discord between custody and mental health staffs, foster an environment that will facilitate the provision of mental health treatment, and promote a therapeutic milieu in SVSP, Salinas Valley Psychiatric Program (SVPP), and Units D5 and D6. The plan may provide for periodic meetings among the special master and his staff, the secretary of the California

1 Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), and appropriate CDCR and Department
2 of Mental Health (DMH) administrators. It may incorporate a variety of initiatives including, but
3 not limited to, the following:

- 4 • a review by SVSP administrative staff of the cultural assessment at SVSP
5 that was completed by the Criminal Justice institute in 2005;
- 6 • the development of a new cultural assessment similar to the one that was
7 previously completed at California State Prison/Corcoran;
- 8 • provision of specialized mental health training for correctional officers to
9 increase their understanding of mental illness, improve their recognition of
and reaction to behaviors related to mental illness, and heighten their
familiarity with the relationships and interactions that typically occur
between mental health clinicians and their patients; and
- 10 • conduct of monthly meetings at which custodial and mental health
11 supervisors and line staff may share with the warden and the deputy
warden for health care their concerns and observations with regard to the
12 Mental Health Service Delivery System (MHSDS) and DMH programs.

13 2. Defendants shall develop a plan for maximum utilization of all dormitory beds
14 at SVPP. This plan shall be submitted to the special master within ninety days from the date of
15 this order.

16 3. Defendants shall implement and maintain institutional electronic and manual
17 tracking logs for inmates who have been placed into alternative housing pending Mental Health
18 Crisis Bed (MHCB) transfers, and the dates, times, and places of return to regular housing for
19 inmates not transferred to an MHCB. The tracking logs should also indicate the specific levels of
20 clinical monitoring that were required (suicide watch, suicide precaution, or psychiatric
21 observation), and the clinical monitoring that occurred. When an inmate is referred to an MHCB
22 for treatment of a suicidal threat or behavior, and the referral is rescinded or the inmate-patient is
23 not admitted to an MHCB, the inmate shall receive follow-up treatment including daily contact
24 for five (5) consecutive days following his or her return to regular housing. Quality management
25 for implementation of discharge planning, required when an inmate is discharged from an
26 MHCB, shall be implemented for these inmates.

1 4. Defendants shall construct the mental health treatment and counseling space at
2 SVSP and the mental health treatment and programming space at California Medical Facility
3 (CMF) as described in their development proposals submitted in response to this court's October
4 18, 2007 order. Construction of that portion of defendants' proposal concerning Units D5 and
5 D6 at SVSP shall be expedited in order to addressed the heightened level of need that exists
6 there.

7 5. Defendants shall disseminate the complete Coleman Monthly Report of
8 Information Requested and response to January 19, 1999 Court Order Regarding Staff
9 Vacancies and CDCR Mental Health Crisis Bed Monthly Report on a regular and timely basis.

10 DATED: October 6, 2008.

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13 LAWRENCE K. KARLTON
14 SENIOR JUDGE
15 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT