Memorandum

Date: April 13, 2020

To: Honorable Lance Africk
Honorable Michael North

From: Darnley R. Hodge
Independent Compliance Director

Re: COVID19 Update

The purpose of this memorandum is to update you on the status of the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office (OPSO) and the Orleans Justice Center (OJC) regarding the COVID19 crisis. These numbers in the chart below are based on current totals. As results come in and employees return to work the numbers will change. This will be reflective in a new column called "Return to Work" for OPSO and Wellpath staff.

OPSO Staff		**Wellpath Staff**		**Inmate Population**		**Inmate Count**	
Self-Quarantined:	18	Self-Quarantined:	3	Self-Quarantined:	0	Total:	804
Overall Tested:	64	Overall Tested:	23	Overall Tested:	46	IPC:	11
Positive:	37	Positive:	7	Positive:	16	OJC:	723
Negative:	7	Negative:	1	Negative:	19	TDC:	36
Results Pending:	6	Results Pending:	2	Results Pending:	2	Hunts:	20
Return to Work:	27	Return to Work:	16				

The chart above is reflective of current numbers, and will change as staff and/or our inmate population status changes. There has been no change to the numbers of our inmate population.

This section is designed to give a cumulative number of OPSO and Wellpath staff. Overall, forty-one (41) OPSO employees tested positive for COVID19, seventeen (17) tested negative, six (6) are pending their results, and thirty-one (31) employees self-quarantined during the pandemic. A total of ninety-five (95) employees have been affected by COVID19. The self-quarantine number went down by one (1) because we learned the employee was tested, and the results were negative. It's reflective in the total negatives.

For Wellpath, eleven (11) employees have tested positive, ten (10) have tested negative, two (2) are pending their results, and six (6) self-quarantined during this pandemic. A total of twenty-nine (29) Wellpath employees have been affected by COVID19.

The format of this report appears to be confusing to some of the recipients. I will most likely change the format in an attempt to make it more understandable. Be advised that there will be a noticeable change in the numbers in the coming days. We have acquired collection kits

and are in the process of testing all of unit four (4) inmates today. Testing of the other units will occur in the days to come. We are also testing staff.

We will attempt to apply strict principals of Direct Supervision by assigning the same staff to the same pod. Staff will not be allowed to enter any pod other than the pod they have been assigned.

I have been in direct contact with Dr. Greifinger regarding the manner in which inmates should be segregated to avoid spreading the infection, and will make every attempt to implement his recommendations. However, the design of this facility makes such classification a challenge. The facility has approximately 1440 beds and only 723 inmates. This gives the impression that there is a lot of flexibility in moving inmates around. This is not the case. The facility consists of 24 pods of 60 beds each. There are no smaller pods for classification of inmates who should be kept separate. For example, we have a 60 bed pod encumbered with 11 inmates, another 60 bed pod with 9 inmates, another 60 bed pod with 6 inmates, and another 60 bed pod with 6 inmates (females). That is a total of 240 beds encumbered with only 32 inmates.

As stated earlier, the design of the facility does not efficiently accommodate the needs of classification especially in times like this. This problem would have been drastically remedied if the Special Use Building was completed.

cc: Sheriff Marlin N. Gusman
Monitor Margo Frasier
Monitor Robert Greifinger