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Dear Dr. Zweifler:

Thank you for your comments on the Federal Receiver's Draft Strategic Plan and welcome to the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), Division of Correctional Health Care Services (DCHCS).

The Department recently established a Transitional Case Management Program to begin to address the ongoing medical care needs of inmates transitioning to the community. The program provides transitional case management services for inmates who will require ongoing medical care upon release, and focuses on ensuring linkage with appropriate medical services in the community. While the Transitional Case Management Program currently is under the auspices of the CDCR, Division of Adult Parole Operations, the DCHCS plans to address care coordination and case management from initial intake to discharge as part of the Access-to-Care Initiative.

With regard to the establishment of protocols to guide the use of medications with potential for high abuse, the statewide CDCR Pharmacy and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee actively oversees and manages the CDCR formulary. The P&T Committee utilizes a number of approaches to address medications with high abuse potential including formulary restrictions, removing drugs from the formulary, establishing criteria for non-formulary prescribing, and restricting medication with abuse potential from being handed out to inmates as 'Keep-on-Person' medications. In addition, the P&T Committee is collaborating with UCSF to establish pain management guidelines, which will address the use of all pain medications including those with high abuse potential. To ensure that policy decisions concerning the delivery of medical services are coordinated with mental health, dental and disabled inmate programs, a Coordination Committee, which includes the Receiver and court-appointed monitors in the *Coleman, Perez, and Armstrong* class action lawsuits meets regularly.

Your suggestion regarding establishment of a Regional Office in Fresno (as opposed to Bakersfield) is under consideration. Again, thank you for taking the time to review and provide comments on the Receiver's draft Strategic. We look forward to working with you as Regional Medical Director, Central Region.

Sincerely,



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