

Dear Mr. Kelso:

I belong to a chat group which monitors activity and events regarding prison inmate issues in California.

This morning I received a notice regarding the 32-page Strategic Plan for which you have a 30-day window for review and input.

I wanted to contact you because I think you have an unusual and valuable resource which may be interesting to you.

My husband, Dr. James E. Daly, DO, was recently imprisoned in CDCR. His inmate number is F80213. He worked as a Physician/Surgeon at Sierra Conservation Camp and at Salinas Valley Prison. Now, he is an inmate at Corcoran and awaiting an hearing to determine his next residence within CDCR.

Before his work with CDCR, he had a 30-year medical career which included Family Medicine, Urgent Care, Emergency Room, and resthome/elder care. At one time, he had the largest private medical practice in Monterey County, California. His imprisonment had nothing to do with his medical practices or professionalism.

Of course, he is now on the "receiving end" of the CDCR medical care that is being reviewed by CPR right now. When he was working at SCC and SVP (2001-2004), he was critical of the level of care being given the inmates and considered somewhat of a "radical" because the care he wanted to give the inmates was beyond the standard of care his supervisors supported.

As it turns out, the level of care that his supervisors wanted to maintain has been recognized as inadequate and so, in many ways, his efforts to improve the medical care offered to inmates was ahead of it's time.

Thankfully, the old level of care practiced by CDCR is now changing with the efforts of CPR.

The point of this email is to let you know that you have a valuable resource in that you have a professional medical provider who has been involved in CDCR medical practices from both sides, as a provider and a receiver. I cannot imagine a better resource for getting professional input on the issues, on which you are so diligently working. He can be located (as of today) at Corcoran State Prison, 4B-1L. Of course they could move him at any moment, but it's not difficult to find him when they do.

I understand that it would be difficult at best, to bring an inmate "to the table" to discuss these issues. I understand that it could create an awkward situation because of the necessity of maintaining a professional "distance" between an inmate and medical/professional staff. But, I think the benefits his input could provide you would far outweigh the disadvantages. After all, the point of the changes is to impact the lives and health of the inmates. I would think that getting feedback from at least one of them would be instrumental to making the needed changes. As a matter of fact, I printed off the 32-page Strategic Plan and am mailing it to him today so that he can review it. I will inform him that if he wants, he can send any feedback to me and I will pass it on to your offices.

Even though I have not spoken to him about emailing you, I feel certain he would be glad for me to "volunteer" his input. I'm sure he would be most happy to discuss

care issues he worked so diligently to change while employed by CDCR. Of course it is difficult for him to stay abreast of medical advances while in prison. I don't imagine, however, that it is medical expertise that would most benefit you, but instead, his knowledge and experience gained from being on both sides of this system.

Without going into details, suffice it to say that we are filing his appeal documents this week and feel somewhat confident that he will, at the very least, be granted a mistrial. We maintain his innocence and are continuing to fight to have a judge allow ALL the evidence to be presented in the courtroom. We feel certain that when all the evidence is heard by a jury, they will, at the very least, acquit him, if not find him innocent. Of course, we've lost everything fighting this, our home, our retirement, his career, many friends. Right now, we would be happy with his freedom so we can just get on with our lives and leave this nightmare behind.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or need further information.

Thank you for your attention...

Renee Sherrer-Daly