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Testimony:

Issues at York CI that still need addressing are the following:

Food: We are fed an ultra processed diet that is high in carbs and sugar. We are fed protein pellets which are NOT for human consumption--as labeled on the bags.

We lack FRESH veggies and fruit (most fruit we get is still green or almost rotten) .

Milk or a high sugar drink are given at every meal even though most adults are lactose intolerant or diabetic.

The lack of healthy food causes weight gain and medical issues such as diabetes and high blood pressure.

Medical care here is almost impossible to access unless you are extremely ill. It is not triaged for importance. There is a long wait to see your provider.

I have multiple sclerosis and have been legally disabled for 12 years. Being here and getting the necessary care I need has been a fight and I'm still fighting.

There is still a backlog of speciality visits. I've been waiting 8 months to see an endocrinologist which is not only medically necessary but also goes to my legal case.

Mental health care is nonexistent and almost impossible to access if you are unsentenced. This is more than 1/2 the compound. While awaiting adjudication, very little access to treatment is available. They will just over medicate you with psyche drugs without a diagnosis or treatment plan.

Conditions in York:

Excessive amounts of black mold in rooms and showers.

Lack of proper cleaning supplies for cell and tier cleaning.

Newly installed showers have no railings. Which is an ADA violation.

Lack of maintenance. Rooms with backed up sinks can take weeks to fix. Vents are not cleaned regularly and contain tremendous amounts of dust and mold.

Access to visits are cancelled due to lockdowns and lack of staff. This includes professional visits, which interrupt the legal process.

Recreation time is cut short or cancelled due to excess lockdowns or officer shortages.

Thanks you again for your assistance,

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