



CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF

Mental Health

Coalinga State Hospital

Memorandum

To: Program Staff
DPS Supervisors
PCDG

Date: February 27, 2008

From: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Subject: Administrative Directive 626 (AD 626)

A memo dated February 6, 2008, signed by Cynthia A. Radavsky, Deputy Director, Long Term Care Services, Department of Mental Health was published and distributed to Coalinga State Hospital, which cancelled the aforementioned Administrative Directive.

The circumstances which lead to this action was a petition filed by a patient on or about August 15, 2007 to the Office of Administrative Law. The petition alleged AD 626 was an "Alleged Underground Regulation". Upon review and advice from Department of Mental Health's Legal Division, the Department will not issue, use, enforce or attempt to enforce the alleged underground regulation, AD 626.

Coalinga State Hospital is addressing the security issues that were identified in the abolished AD by reviewing, revising and approving the Contraband List, which is authorized under Title 9, 884(b)(1). Coalinga State Hospital is also finalizing a new Administrative Directive that identifies the process for storage of personal possessions within the facility. It is anticipated this Administrative Directive will be reviewed and approved the first week of March 2008.

The facility reserves the right to review items entering the facility for suspected contraband and control storage space at its discretion until both documents, the revised Contraband List and the new Administrative Directive are published.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Norm Kramer', written over a horizontal line.

NORM KRAMER
Executive Director

cc: Pam Ahlin, HA (A)
Rocky Spurgeon, CA (A)