

Prison Issues Board Meeting to be held on September 24, 2019

My wife Marsha and I have a few issues with MEDICAL at MSP. Our son, Donald Stock AO 3004947 has a corneal degeneration eye disease called keratoconus. Don was diagnosed with this disease before he was sentenced to MSP. Dr. Simons was so concerned about the disease that the Judge included in Don's Judgment and Commitment that "The Court ORDERED that the defendant shall be allowed to wear contact lenses while incarcerated due to his diagnosis of keratoconus and for necessary treatment associated with his disease." Since our son's incarceration, his eyes have gotten progressively worse as he currently needs to wear full strength contacts plus glasses. Dr. Nedrud from Rocky Mountain Eye Clinic located in Missoula is the only specialist in Montana qualified to treat this eye disease. Our issue with MSP's medical is that their employees override Dr. Nedrud's prescriptions. On May 24, 2017 Dr. Nedrud recommended Don be fitted for scleral contact lenses. On a letter from Heidi Abbott, ADON of MSP medical dated November 2, 2018, Ms. Abbott indicated that Don was currently wearing this type of contact lenses; however he is not wearing them and has never been fitted for that type of contact lenses. Don has kited medical numerous times about this problem with no results.

Don has a lot of blood coming from his rectum. Don has kited medical about the problem but has not been examined by a doctor to determine the cause and fix the problem. We worry about this problem.

VISITATION has become a big problem at MSP. It appears that the Associate Warden of Security and the lady scheduling visitation (Sally) are trying to eliminate visitation of inmates by their families and friends. My wife and I visit our son every chance we get because we are worried about his health as explained in our complaints about his medical treatment. We scheduled a visit for September 14th. A memo came out September 12th so my wife phoned Sally to see if we could visit Don on Friday and Sunday. She said NO. Later we learned that there were only 5 visitors on Friday September 13th and only 8 visitors on Sunday September 15th. If these people mentioned are not trying to eliminate visitation, why would they decline us to visit our son when most of the tables were empty? For years we could visit Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, then visitation was eliminated for Thursday and Friday because MSP was short guards. With Thursday and Friday eliminated, MSP was turning back visitors because there were more visitors than tables. To remedy the problem, some visitors were asked to leave an hour after their visit started so that others could come to visit. This problem never occurred when there were visits 4 days per week. I have visited with many of the friends and family members while waiting to get into visit. We all want visitation to return to the hours that were used before the shortage of help. I also believe that walk-ins should be allowed to visit because many people don't have access to the internet to schedule an appointment. To encourage people to use the internet they could check these people in first as was being done before September 1st. There are less than half as many visitors currently then there were a couple of months ago.

POSTAGE STAMPS on incoming mail should be allowed. If MSP is concerned about drugs on the stamp, they could have mailing cut off the stamp. I live in a larger populated area and the need to purchase self-stamped envelopes or metered postage is a problem. To live in a remote area is a bigger problem. This rule needs to be eliminated.

GREETING CARDS should be allowed to be sent to inmates. We have sent birthday, Christmas and Easter cards to our son for years. These cards are needed to help combat mental illness and to let the inmate know that we care.

Rudy and Marsha Stock