

On 5/20/24 the following happened:

1.) All but approx. 47 residents were let off lockdown.
* Those that were not let off were those that stood up for their rights when told they had to strip. Some of those let off were caught with weapons and/or drugs.
Very confusing, Right? *

2.) I sent the following to Dr. Webb and 405 TX Team:

"This letter is being written to request assistance and to inform you all that due to the actions of staff on 5/18/24 my PTSD has been starting to cause me issues. Some of the issues that are coming up are:

1.) flashbacks and nightmares of when correctional officers forced me to strip and then stand there for a while as they poked my body with their batons and talked derogatoryly about my body,

2.) I'm going back and forth between extremely angry and depressed,

3.) I keep thinking and worrying that what happened is going to keep happening,

4.) feel helpless, anxious, scared and on edge.

Just the thought of being stripped started my PTSD to act up, when I went to get stripped I literally took off all my clothes in rapid succession just so I could get through it and not lose control of my emotions/mental state. I was going so fast that staff (SCTA Martin & Mubic) told me to slow down until I said "Just leave me alone and let me do this otherwise I won't be able to". SCTA Martin & Mubic then said OK and allowed me to keep going at my pace. If I was made to slow down I wouldn't have been able to do it, in my mind the faster I go the faster any threat of abuse disappears.

I now ask why Policy #5.15 (Contraband Searches), "Procedures" was not followed when it came to me. It says in part:

"Clinical consideration should be given before conducting frisk, body, or cavity searches of residents with trauma histories or clinical conditions that may be adversely affected by the search. Any potential risk to the residents' condition shall be weighed against the objective of the search."

Why was Policy #5.15 (contraband searches), "Body search" also not followed when it came to me, it says in part:

"Non-routine searches are indicated based on individualized suspicion if the suspected contraband could constitute a serious threat to safety and security."

I was not told the individualized reason for me to be stripped at anytime before being stripped.

I now ask that someone come see me about this all at your earliest convenience." (Wrote 5/19/24)

3.) I received the following from Mark Cederbaum, Director, Bureau of Institutional Sex Offender Treatment:

"I am writing in response to your appeal to the Commissioner, dated February 8, 2024, which was originally received by the Division of Forensic Services (DFS) on February 26, 2024, citing an appeal of Dr. Tope's responses to 17 different matters, as outlined below. In addition, I wanted to thank you for your patience as we took the time to review each of your concerns.

- Regarding your concern about the facility allegedly providing inadequate dental adhesive for sale to residents and/or directing residents to alternatively purchase dental adhesive from other sources, a review of this matter supports Dr. Tope's original response to this grievance. The dental adhesive in commissary is a common brand, Effergrip, at a cost of \$6.85, and there have been limited, if any, complaints from residents suggesting this is an "inadequate" product. If this product is not your preference or within your budget, you are able to purchase other brands available in approved catalogs; should you desire a different type of product you are always welcome to submit that item to the Property & Privileging Committee for review as an approved item for purchase.

- Your second appeal was about a letter to members of the administration team to request a meeting that was reportedly forwarded to and addressed by the Risk Management Department. After speaking reviewing protocol, it appears that the correct procedure was followed when your letter was forwarded to the Risk Management Department as there is a specific process to follow in response to resident concerns. STARC Administration has informed you that an individual in-person meeting was not being coordinated at this time.

- Regarding your concern about mail not being completed during the 11:00pm-7:00am shift, rather allegedly having been completed during the

7:00am to 3:00pm shift, mail logs indicated this does appear to be accurate. When it was not completed during the prior shift, the next oncoming shift completed it to limit disruption to the mail process.

- Regarding your grievance that staff were reportedly singing to a made-up song about you, and your contention that they were not singing along to the radio, an investigation has concluded what has formerly been relayed to you by Risk Management's review of the video and audio footage indicates staff were singing along to a song on the radio.

- Regarding your concern and allegation that you have not been informed as to why seven books you requested were denied, this matter has been thoroughly reviewed. In a review of records, there are multiple notations over the years that several books have been denied based on being deemed clinically inappropriate/countertherapeutic, and that you had been informed of this on several occasions. We hope you can utilize the understanding of why this material was considered countertherapeutic in your treatment efforts. We have also reviewed the content of these books, however, and we would support the treatment team's denial of access to these materials based on the content of these books in the context of your offense history.

- Regarding your inquiry about vocational programming, participation in vocational programming is considered a privilege that can be earned through meaningful participation in group programming. There are no plans to change this consideration.

- Regarding your concern that the pens provided by the facility in the Stationary Store are not "adequate" or found to be functioning to your standards, you have been encouraged to test out the product prior to leaving the Stationary Store and if defective at that time, it will be replaced at no cost; if at a later time you find that the pens are becoming dull, there is nothing the Stationary Store can do as they are not responsible for the durability or longevity of these items. If you prefer a different style or brand of pen, that may have a higher quality or longer life, there are a wide variety available for purchase through currently approved catalogs.

- Regarding your allegation of having not been provided with your negative correspondence list in writing, nor being able to locate same in your clinical chart, please note that your treatment team has met with you, over the course of many years, to discuss your negative correspondence; as such, some of those notes may not be in your active chart and may date back to as early as 2011. Going forward, there is no reason why you cannot, after being informed that an entity has

been placed on the negative correspondence list, write this down on a list that you keep for yourself.

- Regarding your concern that there is no rule, policy, or anything of the sort indicating a resident cannot have Facebook, a blog, or pen-pal ad, please direct your attention to the Resident Mail and Packages Policy which indicates that residents cannot have pen pals. An investigation of this matter yielded evidence of active listings on Facebook, Between the Bars, and Prison PenPals which included your current address, a description of yourself written in the first person, and a request for people to write to you which would constitute a violation of the policy as residents are not permitted to solicit for pen pals. In regards to social media, by law, any social media account would need to be registered by SOBA.

- Regarding your appeal that no sufficient answer was provided related to your concern about inability to attend your great-uncle's funeral in person, I am sorry for your loss and understand that this was important to you. Attendance at funerals outside of the facility are generally reserved for either immediate family members or those who are an established close support; in this instance, administration was unable to accommodate an in-person visit and provided the opportunity for virtual attendance.

- Regarding your allegation that there is no legitimate reason why you cannot correspond with someone who has or is affiliated with a blog, namely Charles Detar, investigation of this matter revealed that Charles Detar is noted to run a pen pal service, as well as a blog, and you were found to have had an active pen pal ad and entries on a blog website operated by Charles Detar. As previously referenced, per the Resident Mail and Package Policy, residents are not permitted to engage in pen pal services and/or solicit for pen pals, therefore, this contact with Charles Detar was not permitted.

- Regarding your concern that you have not yet been able to speak to Dr. Berlin, which you allege has been going on for months and is a violation of law(s) and rights, after speaking with STARC staff, we have been informed that the telephone number for Dr. Berlin was added to the global list, allowing such contact.

- Regarding your concern about the family photos, after discussion with STARC staff, it is noted that your photos are being maintained in your long-term storage for exploration and consideration in the future when deemed clinically appropriate by your treatment team.

- Regarding your appeal noting that you had been denied access to the

Law Library, after discussion with STARC Staff, it appears you had been on a 14-day loss of dayroom and, as the law library is a privilege of using the dayroom, you were unable to utilize this privilege; as mentioned by Dr. Tape, if there was an imminent need for immediate information only available through accessing the law library, you were able to speak with your treatment team for a clinical determination in the moment, otherwise you were able to work on your legal work in your dorm room.

- Regarding your appeal from an objection to Care and Treatment alleging being targeted by staff and wrongfully given a restriction in December 2023, this information has been thoroughly reviewed. In a review of CCTV footage, as well as discussion with STARC Staff, we did not observe evidence that suggested you were targeted or that there was a cover-up.

- Lastly, regarding your final outlined concern of being able to be provided with and/or participate in treatment that you want, we learned that your treatment team has since revisited this matter with you and you were open to signing a contract and will begin, or have already begun, programming. You are encouraged to continue meaningfully and appropriately engaging in treatment and working collaboratively with your treatment team."

* Now please note, the mail only got done on the following shift due to residents demanding it, 60% of the books I was denied with no written reason were LGBTQ books, to date still have not been provided with negative correspondence list (even inmates are supplied with one), Facility Policy only says can't write Pen Pals (they won't even define "Pen Pal") nothing about anything in Mr. Cederbaum's reply, Facility still has not supplied me with answer as to why couldn't go to great uncles funeral, Charlie Detar does run a blog but that's it (facility just doesn't want their abuse known), it took 5 months to put Dr. Berlin's # on phone, to date still don't have family pictures that my mother got prior permission from TX team to send me, By NY State Law the Law Library is a RIGHT not a privilege. *

Then on 5/21/24:

1) The Approx. 47 residents were still on lockdown with no explanation why,

2) I finally got my "Diploma with Highest Honors in Psychology/Social Work" from Stratford Career Institute.

Then on 5/22/24 I received the following from Risk Management:

"Risk Management has received and reviewed your correspondence dated May 18, 2024 regarding concerns with a recent search and subsequent strip search. Please be advised that as you currently reside in a secure treatment facility, you may be subjected to probable cause searches, including strip searches. All efforts are made to ensure residents privacy and respect while conducting said searches."

* Note, to date the "probable cause" to strip search ME has not been given *

Then on 5/23/24 I:

1.) Sent Danielle Tope, Executive Director the following that said in part under "Please provide the reason for your appeal":

"No individualized reason was given for ME to be strip searched or my room to be searched. No reply was given to why no clinical consideration was given prior to strip searching me. Facility is in violation of their own policies, state law and federal law"

2.) Sent Risk Management the following 2 concerns that said:

a.) under "Nature of concern":

"On 5/6/24 I requested the random room searches be removed from my ISP as I followed all parts of them since put in place. My ISP clearly said what I had to do for them to be removed and I did it all.

Under "Suggested solution to concern":

"That the Random room searches be removed from me or I be given weekly meetings about them per Policy 511, section "I".
- I be told in writing why they won't be removed if won't be."

b.) under "Nature of concern":

"From 5/17/24 to present I have not been able to go to the TX mall, yard, gym, cardio room, This is in violation of state and federal law.

under "Suggested solution to concern":

- That I be told why I have not been able to leave the ward in writing,
- That this ABUSE Stop."

Then on 5/24/24 I received the following from Risk Management:

"Risk Management has received and reviewed your correspondence dated May 15, 2024 and May 16, 2024 regarding Staff. Please be advised, your concerns have been forwarded to STARC administration."

Then on 5/27/24 the approx. 47 residents that were held on lockdown illegally were finally allowed off their ward.

Then on 5/28/24 I sent:

1.) Risk Management the following 2 concerns that said in part:

a.) under "Nature of concern":

"On 5/24/24 I was not allowed to go to my individual therapy session, I'm court ordered here for treatment and by me being refused my individual therapy session with no legal reason it is a violation of that court ordered by the facility.

under "Suggested solution to concern":

"- That I be told who made the decision to deny me treatment,

- That this not happen again."

b.) under "Nature of concern":

"On 4/22/21, CNYPC became STARC-Dakview. On that same day I was discharged from CNYPC and admitted to STARC-Dakview. To date not a single policy, procedure, practice, rule or rule book for STARC-Dakview has been provided to me and/or my ward for review. How am I supposed to know what I am ^{am not} allowed to do/have or what the facility/staff are allowed/not allowed to do to me? The only policies, procedures, practices, rules or rule book I have seen are for CNYPC and they don't apply to me as I don't reside at CNYPC.

under "Suggested solution to concern":

- That I and/or my ward be provided with the policies, procedures, practices, rules and rule book for STARC-Dakview,
- That I be told why none of the above has not been provided to date (approx. 3 years, 1 month + 5 days) since CNYPC becoming STARC-Dakview."

2.) Danielle Tope, Executive Director the following under "Please provide the reason for your appeal";
"Reply is insufficient as I was not told the outcome of the investigation or if SCTA Liggins will be kept away from me."

3.) NYS comptroller the following;
"I write today due to not having access to the internet to request any and all information/documents pertaining to the budget for;

- 1.) The Secure Treatment and Rehabilitation center (STARC),
- 2.) The Secure Treatment and Rehabilitation center-Dakview (STARC-Dakview),
- 3.) Central New York Psychiatric Center (CNYPC).

If you can't help me with any or all of this please tell me why and who to contact to get assistance."

To date no one has come to see me about my 5/19/24 letter mentioned above. Just go's to show how much this place doesn't care about the residents here. Also, Policy #5.15 (contraband search) is the only policy to date that has been made available to me to date.