### **Overview of Monthly Activity**

The Bureau received 162 (101 were received electronically) complaints during the month of April 2017.

152 (92 electronic) complaints were closed

1 required more information to proceed with an investigation

5 were closed due to lack of Bureau jurisdiction

36 were dismissed for no violation

12 were referred back to the DOC

98 complaints were investigated

2 assist were given (referred back to DOC for action even though the offender failed to attempt to resolve with the facility previously)

15 (15 electronic) complaints were substantiated (see below)

83 were unsubstantiated due to no violation of policy and/or procedure existing

27 complaints remain open (1 from March and 26 from April)

The Bureau also corresponded with another 122 offenders who submitted complaints electronically

### **Substantiated Complaints & Recommendations to IDOC for Resolution**

### 1. Indiana Women's Prison

Complaint Type Medical Care

**Complaint Summary** Offender complains that she has not received proper care

for wounds on her feet. She says she is supposed to be

receiving wound care, but is not.

**Basis for Claim** HCSD 2.04 Access to Care

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted Healthcare Services Director Monica

Gipson, who in turn contacted the HSA (Healthcare

Services Administrator) at the facility. The offender had been referred to wound care, but it had not been scheduled.

Outcome The offender received the care needed.

**Follow-up** No follow-up necessary, as the offender has received the

needed care.

### 2. Indianapolis Re-Entry Education Facility (IREF)

Complaint Type Medical Care

**Complaint Summary** The offender complains that he has received a bill for

medical services received while incarcerated.

**Basis for Claim** IC 11-10-10-3-5 Offender Healthcare Co-payment

**Procedures** 

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted Monica Gipson, Healthcare Services

Director in Central Office who in turn contacted the Health Services Administrator at the facility and the Regional

Manager.

Outcome The bill was paid by Corizon.

**Follow-up** No follow-up is necessary, as the bill has been paid.

### 3. Madison Correctional Facility

Complaint Type Correspondence

Complaint Summary The offender complains that all pictures in the dorms were

confiscated stating that the new Offender Correspondence Executive Directive states pictures are no longer allowed.

**Basis for Claim** ED #17-13 Offender Correspondence

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted Jan Davis, Superintendent.

**Outcome** The offender's pictures were returned.

**Follow-up** No follow-up is necessary, as the offender's issue is

resolved.

### 4. New Castle Correctional Facility

**Complaint Type** Medical Care

**Complaint Summary** The offender complains that he is having trouble urinating

and has requested to be seen by medical for it several times,

but has not been seen.

**Basis for Claim** HCSD 2.26 Direct Orders

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted Monica Gipson, Healthcare Services

Director in Central Office who in turn contacted the Health

Services Administrator at the facility.

Outcome The offender was supposed to have labs drawn, but had not

been scheduled. The offender had labs drawn and was seen

by the provider.

**Follow-up** No follow-up necessary, as the offender has received the

care needed.

### 5. New Castle Correctional Facility

Complaint Type Medical Care

**Complaint Summary** The offender complains that he injured his ribs and was

seen by medical, but was not x-rayed. He thinks his ribs

are broken and is in pain.

**Basis for Claim** HCSD 2.04 Access to Care

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted Monica Gipson, Healthcare Services

Director in Central Office who in turn contacted the Health

Services Administrator at the facility.

Outcome The offender was given the care needed. The nurse was re-

educated as to proper nursing protocols.

**Follow-up** No follow-up necessary, as the offender has received the

care needed.

### 6. New Castle Correctional Facility

Complaint Type Medical Care

Complaint Summary The offender complains that he was assaulted and has been

waiting two and half weeks to see the provider, but has not

been seen.

**Basis for Claim** HCSD 2.04 Access to Care

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted Monica Gipson, Healthcare Services

Director in Central Office who in turn contacted the Health

Services Administrator at the facility.

**Outcome** The offender was seen and treated further.

**Follow-up** No follow up is necessary, as the issue has been resolved.

7. New Castle Correctional Facility

**Complaint Type** Medical Care (Medication)

Complaint Summary The offender complains that he went to the medication line

in the morning and his medications were out of stock.

**Basis for Claim** HCSD 2.04 Access to Care

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted Monica Gipson, Healthcare Services

Director in Central Office who in turn contacted the Health

Services Administrator at the facility.

Outcome The offender was seen by the provider and prescriptions

were renewed.

**Follow-up** No follow up necessary, as the offender has received the

needed care.

8. New Castle Correctional Facility

**Complaint Type** Medical Care (Medication)

Complaint Summary The offender complains that he was seen two weeks ago for

thrush and was supposed to be prescribed two

prescriptions, but has only received one and it has not

cleared up.

Basis for Claim HCSD 2.17 Medication Management

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted Monica Gipson, Healthcare Services

Director in Central Office who in turn contacted the Health

Services Administrator at the facility.

Outcome The offender received the medication.

**Follow-up** No follow-up is necessary, as the offender has received the

needed care.

9. New Castle Correctional Facility

**Complaint Type** Medical Care (Medication)

Complaint Summary The offender complains that his Parkinson's medication

was prescribed wrong.

Basis for Claim HCSD 2.17 Medication Management

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted Monica Gipson, Healthcare Services

Director in Central Office who in turn contacted the

facility. The offender's medication dosage was changed by the nurse with verbal orders, but then changed back without

any notes from the provider.

Outcome The offender received the proper dosage of medication.

The nurse was further educated.

**Follow-up** No follow-up is necessary, as the offender has received the

needed care and the nurse has been further educated.

10. New Castle Correctional Facility

**Complaint Type** Medical Care

**Complaint Summary** The offender complains that he was given x-rays for his

shoulder over a month ago, but has not received any further

care.

**Basis for Claim** HCSD 2.04 Access to Care

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted Monica Gipson, Healthcare Services

Director in Central Office who in turn contacted the

facility.

**Outcome** The offender received further care.

**Follow-up** No follow-up necessary, as the offender has received

further care.

### 11. New Castle Correctional Facility

**Complaint Type** Medical Care (Medication)

**Complaint Summary** The offender complains that he is not receiving his

medication due to it running out.

Basis for Claim HCSD 2.17 Medication Management

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted Monica Gipson, Healthcare Services

Director in Central Office who in turn contacted the

facility.

**Outcome** The offender received his medication.

**Follow-up** Follow up to ensure medication renewal errors improve.

### 12. Plainfield Correctional Facility

Complaint Type Credit Time

Complaint Summary The offender complains that his conduct report was

dismissed, but his EPRD was never updated to reflect this.

**Basis for Claim** 02-04-101 Adult Disciplinary Code

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted Ty Robbins, Classification

Supervisor at the facility.

**Outcome** The offender's EPRD was updated.

**Follow-up** No follow-up necessary, as the issue has been resolved.

### 13. Plainfield Correctional Facility

Complaint Type Officer Misbehavior

**Complaint Summary** The offender complains that an Officer tore up his sweat

pants.

**Basis for Claim** 02-01-104 Offender, Grooming, Clothing

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted Chuck Penfold, Grievance

Coordinator at the facility.

Outcome The offender received a new pair of sweat pants.

**Follow-up** No follow-up necessary, as the offender has received the

sweat pants.

### 14. Plainfield Correctional Facility

**Complaint Type** Transfer

Complaint Summary The offender complains that he has been classified as a

Security Level 1 since January, but has not been

transferred.

**Basis for Claim** 01-04-101 Adult Offender Classification

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted Chuck Penfold at the facility.

**Outcome** The offender was transferred.

**Follow-up** No follow-up necessary, as the issue has been resolved.

### 15. Westville Correctional Facility

**Complaint Type** Medical Care (Medication)

**Complaint Summary** The offender complains that the facility has been out of his

chronic care medications for over a week.

Basis for Claim HCSD 2.17 Medication Management

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted Monica Gipson, Healthcare Services

Director in Central Office who in turn contacted the

Healthcare Supervisor at the facility.

Outcome The offender was given the needed medication.

**Follow-up** No follow-up necessary, as the offender has received the

needed medication.

**Assists** 

### 1. Pendleton Correctional Facility

**Complaint Type** Classification (Time Cut)

Complaint Summary The offender complains that he has not received his time

cut for completion of Culinary Arts in 2015.

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**Basis for Claim** 01-04-101 Adult Offender Classification

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted the Classification Supervisor at the

facility.

**Outcome** The time cut was applied and approved.

**Follow-up** No follow-up necessary, as the issue has been resolved.

2. Westville Correctional Facility

**Complaint Type** Visitation

**Complaint Summary** The offender complains that he should have his video

visitation reinstated.

**Basis for Claim** 02-01-102 Offender Visitation

**Investigative Summary** The Bureau contacted the Administrative Assistant at the

facility.

Outcome The offender's visitation was reinstated.

**Follow-up** No follow-up necessary, as the issue has been resolved.

### **Follow-up from Previous Months**

As of April 1, 2017, a new healthcare provider took over medical services for the IDOC. While we will list here the issues that we were previously tracking for informational purposes, we realize that the new provider will need time be able to improve these matters.

#### **New Castle Correctional Facility – Medical Care (Medication)**

**Synopsis:** The Bureau has been following this issue with the facility since last July. A complete overhaul of medication administration services needs to be put into place. While the healthcare personnel has attempted some changes, medication errors are still occurring. The Bureau will continue to track this issue until the errors subside.