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REPORT SUMMARY

Performance Audit

Huron Valley Complex

Department of Corrections

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The Huron Valley Complex (HVC) consists of the Huron Valley Men's Correctional Facility (HVM), the Huron Valley Women's Correctional Facility (WHV), and Camp Valley. HVM houses level IV male prisoners, most of whom have a mental illness. WHV houses level I and level II female prisoners, a small percentage of whom are mentally ill. Camp Valley houses level I female prisoners. HVC is located in Ypsilanti, Michigan, and has a combined capacity of 1,741 prisoners.

Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of HVC's efforts to comply with selected policies and procedures related to safety and security.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that HVC's efforts to comply with selected policies and procedures related to safety and security were not effective. We noted one material condition (Finding 1) and seven reportable conditions (Findings 2 through 8).

Material Condition:

HVC did not maintain proper control over critical and dangerous tools (Finding 1).

Reportable Conditions:

Our audit also disclosed seven reportable conditions related to prisoner shakedowns and cell searches; gate manifests; firearm clearances, certifications, and permits; self-contained breathing apparatus; security monitoring exercises; key and

padlock controls, and radio checks (Findings 2 through 8).

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Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of the Department of Corrections' (DOC's) efforts to control the inventory and distribution of medication at HVC.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that DOC's efforts to control the inventory and distribution of medication at HVC were effective. Our report does not include any reportable conditions related to this audit objective.

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Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of HVC's efforts to comply with selected policies and procedures related to food service.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that HVC's efforts to comply with selected policies and procedures related to food service were effective. However, we noted one reportable condition related to sanitation inspections and meal evaluations (Finding 9).

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Audit Objective:

To assess the effectiveness of HVC's efforts to ensure that the prisoner store inventory is appropriately accounted for and safeguarded.

Audit Conclusion:

We concluded that HVC's efforts to ensure that the prisoner store inventory is appropriately accounted for and safeguarded were moderately effective. We noted one reportable condition related to inventory records (Finding 10).

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Audit Objective:

To assess the efficiency of HVC's mailroom operations.

Audit Conclusion:

We could not determine the efficiency of HVC's mailroom operations because of the lack of data necessary to assess efficiency. We noted one reportable condition related to mail processing and cash receipts (Finding 11).

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Agency Response:

Our audit report contains 11 findings and 15 corresponding recommendations. DOC's preliminary response indicates that HVC agrees with the recommendations.

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