

## FRIENDS AND FAMILIES OF CALIFORNIA CIVIL DETAINEES

April 30, 2008

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Subject: Administrative Directive 624 Alleged Underground Regulation

## Dear Sir/Madam:

On April 28, 2008, the Office of Administrative Law (OAL) agreed to hear my Petition, alleging that the Department of Mental Health (hereafter DMH) has issued, utilized, enforced, or attempted to enforce and underground regulation – Administrative Directive 624, related to Mail and Patient Packages. (*Please see attached letter from OAL*)

Once again, DMH has attempted to enforce an 'Underground Regulation' (as defined in the California Government Code) on the residents of Coalinga State Hospital. DMH has never gone through the lawful promulgation process enabling them to enact and enforce a regulation.

This is the fourth time we have filed against DMH on such issues and yet DMH has still not followed procedures by submitting any of their regulations to the OAL, thereby coming into compliance with California statutes and all other State agencies.

It is our hope that you would submit an Amicus Curiae (Friend of the Court Letter) to the OAL in support of our position to stop DMH from arbitrarily and capriciously regulating its patients.

Title 1 Regulations governing public comment to petitions require that you send copies of your comments to the Department of Mental Health and to Michael St. Martin, and to certify to the Office of Administrative Law that you did this i.e. cc bottom of the last page of your comments.

We sincerely appreciate you taking the above matter under consideration, and should you have need of further information, you may contact the following individuals:

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You may also visit our web site for a link to AOL at:

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I would like to thank you, in advance, for any and all assistance that you can provide in this matter.

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