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Organization or Agency:

Topic: Meeting Date Not Listed

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Testimony:

I, Melissa Hernandez, am a former inmate from York CI. I was incarcerated from September 2023 until July 2025.

I would like to express my concerns on the medical treatment that I received during my incarceration. I should say lack of medical treatment. I expressed my concerns over a 6 month period of time regarding a woman's health issue I was having. I was writing to medical on a bi-weekly basis and my requests were going unanswered. When they were answered I was told I was on a waiting list to see my healthcare provider. I had to ask for an emergency visit in order to be seen. Then, when I wrote again my response back was that I was already seen for my issue. Finally, by the middle of the 5th month I had a family member call Warden Sexton. By the next morning I was called to medical to see an APRN. I will add that this person was very unprofessional and gave me a hard time because I had my family call to get me seen. I was able to be seen that day by the doctor and was told my culture would be sent out tested and I would get my results. I never received any results from this test. I explained the history of cancer in my family and wanted my results either way and still received nothing.

Upon reentry to the community I went to my own doctor and had my own testing done. My doctor requested medical records and looked over the records I left York CI with. There was no record of any exam, culture or result from the day I saw the APRN and Dr. Fortunately, I'm here today with a clean bill of health. However, the outcome could've been serious due to not being seen at York for my medical issue.

This is one of many things that I could discuss but I feel this is one of the many things that's lacking inside DOC in CT. I hope you will revise the medical treatment of inmates and documentation so providers can follow up when inmates are released back into the community.

Thank you,

Melissa Hernandez