

Below is statement provided by Florida Department of Corrections

Spokeswoman Ashley Cook: <http://news.wfsu.org/post/outraged-over-inmate-mental-health-care-prison-chief-ends-private-providers-contract>

Yesterday, Secretary Julie Jones sent a letter to Wexford Health Sources, notifying it that the Department is exercising its contractual authority to terminate the contract with Wexford at will. Secretary Jones is absolutely outraged at Wexford's lack of performance and delivery of services as detailed in the Correctional Medical Authority's notification issued April 18, 2017. The Department has been committed to meaningful health care reforms and takes the issues detailed in the CMA's notification extremely seriously. Following this medical emergency notification, the Department immediately deployed a Mental Health Ombudsman and Behavioral Health Risk Management Team to review all inmate mental health needs handled by Wexford at South Florida Reception Center.