

RECEIVER UPGRADES SAN QUENTIN EMERGENCY SERVICES

**June 14 Opening of New Triage and Treatment Area Adds Space, Speeds Time
and Improves Quality of Response to Medical Emergencies
for Prison's More Than 5,000 Inmates;
Better Working Conditions for Staff**

San Quentin, CA – Robert Sillen, the federal-court appointed Receiver for the state's prison medical care system, and Warden Robert Ayers opened a new Triage and Treatment Area (TTA) at San Quentin State Prison on June 14, 2007. This development is part of the Receiver's San Quentin Project, which puts an ongoing focus on improving medical care at the prison, in order to bring it up to constitutional levels.

The TTA acts as the emergency room for the prison's approximately 5,200 inmates. Patients in need of life-saving measures, due to heart attacks, trauma injuries, mental health crisis and other "man down" emergencies are brought to the TTA, which is located in the first floor of the institution's Neumiller Building. It also serves patients in need of urgent medical attention, and provides 24-hour coverage when the prison's housing block clinics are closed.

The new \$1.6 million TTA replaces a former version that was physically deteriorating and dangerously inadequate in terms of patient care space, staff work space, equipment, supplies and cleanliness. For example, the new TTA houses four patient care stations – double the amount in the previous TTA. It also includes staff work areas and up to date medical equipment and supplies – which did not exist in the old TTA. The Receiver fast-tracked the TTA project due to the crisis conditions and critical need to provide life-saving care. Construction began in February, and the new facility is now open. Clinical staff members are thrilled with the results.

For more information, see the San Quentin TTA Fact Sheet on the Receiver's web site at <http://www.cprinc.org/projects.htm>