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Hunger Striker's Communication Log

Hunger Strikers journal all 14 days of their strike.

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Communication Log

Thursday January 21, 2021 @ approximately 11:00:33 AM

The start for 1E

The Hunger Strike began on Thursday January 21, 2021 at approximately 11:00:33 AM. Jacob Flom, Michael Whipple, Josh Brooks, Russell John Hatton, and Larry Cooper reported to the front desk unit 1E desk staff [e.g. security counselors] that they were going on a Hunger Strike. These five individuals began a hunger strike that involved not eating any consumables or drinking any liquids.

R. Hatton 1E. 156 lbs. at start of Hunger Strike

Friday January 22, 2021

Day Two for 1E

Hatton, Flom, Brooks, Cooper and Whipple met up to discuss the process going forward and to offer each other support in our individual decisions to go on a hunger strike. We discussed our request for clarification for a clear path home and that the burden is on the MSOP clinicians to provide this. At approximately 12:00:33 PM Dr. Cease and her intern came onto unit 1E to interview us individually and conduct an "assessment of the client's mental status and functional vulnerability, if clinical staff are unavailable (see MSOP Division Policy 210-5058, "Vulnerable Adults").

R. Hatton 1E: When I met with Cease and her intern, I was asked about my thought process and why I choose to go on a hunger strike. I expressed my 14 year frustration with not being provided insight and understanding of the diagnosis I've been labeled with. I expressed that the burden is on the clinical to properly diagnose us. I expressed that the misdiagnoses I have been given other specified paraphilic disorder nonconsent/coercive in a controlled environment is an illegitimate diagnosis. I then expressed the misdiagnosis of other specified personality disorder with antisocial features is as defined by DSM-5, is essentially equivalent to criminality and therefore provides no appropriate additional ground to support psychiatric commitment. I urged Cease that they need to legitimize the program by bringing in qualified psychiatric doctors to conduct evaluations to determine who meets the criteria and who does not. I expressed that what is going on is abuse and negligence and is wrong and they know it. Cease asked what I was hoping to see in the following days, weeks, months. Am I hoping that if these experts were brought in I would get what I want? I expressed that I don't know. I said that I am looking at this from a realistic perspective and what is in my control. I do not have control over the events and circumstances that happen in my life, what I do have control is my reactions to the events and circumstances and I will deal with them when they occur. The conversation continued with the routine psychological questions such as if I am considering self-harm. I said No, no one is, we want a clear path home and the burden is on them to provide that.

J. Flom 1E: When I met with Cease and her intern, we introduced ourselves as we had never officially met. Then Dr. Cease went on to ask for my perspective and wanted to see where I was coming from. I explained the crippling hopelessness that pervades this institution due to a complete lack of direction on how to get home. I further explained that we are constantly asked to do what we are told, and follow directions, but the expectations set upon us are so astronomically high that even when we do what is asked of us, somehow something will be found to say we are

still “not ready” “still working on it” “needs further attention” and many other nonsensical statements. I described my reality of being here for 4 years and seeing so many people work through the “treatment process” and fail, and the ones that do make it, take a horrifying amount of time to do it. I stated that I know I will get out of here, because I am young, but I have no hope of it being anytime soon. I said “the only way I see this place changing is if some outside force makes this place change, it’s been doing the same thing for 26 years and as it stands right now, have no reason to change, unless attention and pressure is put on this place.” Dr. Cease then asked me what I was hoping to get out of doing the hunger strike. I told her I can’t put exact words to it, but I want change. She went to ask how will I know when something has changed. I said “when I know, I know”. I ended by saying that I had no intention of harming myself, the point of this is to stand up for what I believe in.

Brooks 1E: Thursday 1/21/21 declared H.S. at 11:00 am. Refused to meet with any clinical/Psychologist regarding why I started the H.S. other than stating to Dr. Amy Farmer that “I want a clear path home” and “No, I do not intend to harm myself and I do not want others hurt, however, this decision is not up for discussion.” Called outside resources (David) to discuss H.S and my reasoning behind choosing to participate.

Cooper 1E: Friday 1/22/21 I declared a hunger strike at 11:00am. Met with Dr. Cease and another individual and gave them the understanding that I wanted a clear path home, when asked what that meant I simply stated that I wanted an end point. Haven’t had to answer why I was doing this hunger strike since the meeting with Dr. Cease, they know my answer won’t change. Haven’t dealt with much hassle although I assume this is so they can show they care at least a little.

Whipple 1E: Thursday 1/21/21 declared H.S. when I told them at the desk that I was on hunger strike I got an evil/dirty look/eye, they asked me what I was expecting to get out of it. I told them I am sick of running around and getting nowhere, and that something needs to change. They said they wish I would not do the strike. The rest of the day went on and staff would ask if I am still on the strike or not, I responded yes I am. Day 2 I told them I was still on the strike, and they referenced the fact of my age and suggested I do something other than the hunger strike, that is when I told them I have done everything for 12 years and nothing has made a change in my future, what can this hurt?

Geiger 1E: On January 22, 2021 Charles Geiger inquired about the hunger strike and indicated that he wanted to participate. That he is tired of this place and not providing him with a clear path out. On this same date, care and concern was expressed for the health of Whipple. After discussion he was encouraged to not continue with the hunger strike and stopped at approximately 4:30:33 PM. At approximately 9:00:33 AM Hatton, Flom, Brooks, and Cooper were escorted to the health service where their weight and vitals were taking, as well as the nurses inquiring as to why the men were conducting a hunger strike. Each expressed that we want a clear path home. At 7:00:33 PM Hatton, Flom, Brooks, Cooper met in the unit 1E lower team room to check in on each other to participate in a meditation.

Saturday January 23, 2021	Day Three for 1E (day 1 for 1C)
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R. Hatton 1E: Hatton, Flom, Brooks, Copper and Geiger met up to discuss the process going forward and to reaffirm to offer each other support in our individual decisions to go on a hunger strike. We discussed our request for clarification for a clear path home and that the burden is on the MSOP clinicians to provide this. At approximately 9:00:33 AM Hatton and Brooks were escorted to the health service where their weight and vitals were taking, as well as the nurses inquiring as to why the men were conducting a hunger strike. Each expressed that we want a clear path home. Cooper checked in at the desk and was notified that he was taken off the list for conducting his hunger strike because they had observed him drinking water. At approximately 4:00:33 PM Flom was escorted to health services to weight and vital checks. At 7:00:33 PM Hatton, Flom, Brooks, Cooper met in the unit 1E lower team room to check in on each other to participate in a meditation.

D. Wilson 1C: today at 6:30 AM Daniel Patten, Anthony Garnett and myself went to the desk to declare that we are join 1E in the hunger strike. I believe a few guys in 1B (Russell Norton and Chris Ivey) are also participating in the hunger strike. I was asked why? I told them, "I want a clear path home" The response was, "there is a clear path home: treatment. I told them that more people die trying to complete treatment and that it is ineffective. I told them I might as well speed up the process for them and die sooner rather than later.

Sunday January 24, 2021 Day Four for 1E (day 2 for 1C)

R. Hatton 1E: Had our meeting at 7 PM with Flom, Brooks, Cooper, Geiger and myself. Did our check in to see how each other is doing mentally and physically.

Monday January 25, 2021 Day Five for 1E (day 3 for 1C)

R. Hatton 1E Called David B., did check in with him. Called Lyle and spoke about hunger strike, federal policies verses MSOP Gulag polciies about notification. Expressed his support and sought clarification why we are doing it. I went into great detail about the current presentation (DSM-V). How the gulag diagnosticians/clinical are deliberately misdiagnosing the population based on the historical findings of facts and not the objective evidence of the people we are today. He said that he was asked to take on a leadership role with the Recarcerate Committee and work with an organization that helps ex-convicts heal from past traumas through neuroscience. The conversation went into deeper detail than I can recall at this moment.

Everyone on 1E called and did our interviews with Chris Serres who is writing an article for the Star Tribune. Expressing that we want a clear path home. I think the message may have gotten switched through clinical tactics. We may have taken the burden on ourselves trying to explain to these people what the clear path home looks like. We'll discuss this again to get back on track – the burden is on MSOP. Chris indicated he may want to do a follow up call.

D. Wilson 1C: Daniel Patten, Daniel Wilson, and Tony Garnett over here on 1C doing the Hunger Strike. There would have been more, but lots of 1C drama. Anyway, we are holding it down. Everyone should know IWOC has put out a press release about the Hunger Strike. There is an online petition for us. Those on the zoom call are going to send emails to the governor etc.. They are doing everything they can to garner the attention of the right people.

Stay empowered comrades.

R. Hatton 1E: Approximately 4:20 PM met with Charles Geiger and he informed me that he was ending his hunger strike due to health concerns. I expressed my appreciation for his effort. At 8:45 PM was informed that two more men, Charles Waklin and Kevin Beaulieu have committed to the Hunger Strike.

Tuesday January 26, 2021 Day Six for 1E (day 4 for 1C)

R. Hatton 1E Checking in, we will be having our hunger strike check-ins this afternoon when everyone goes to lunch. Calling David this afternoon to check in and see what actions are going on and seek input to what more we can be doing internally. Will encourage guys to contact their families to network with David and IWOC. Also to motivate our families to keep emailing and contacting Minnesota Legislators and Governor Walz. Get memo out to the population for why we are doing the hunger strike. Spoke with David and Daniel. Talked about pressuring Gov. Walz, DHS Commissioner Jodi Harpstead, it was reported that Chuck Johnson is "freaking out" about the hunger strike. Lucas Daniel's is a Professor of Criminal Law at the University of Minnesota, Duluth. He participated in the ZOOM call emergency meeting yesterday.

D. Wilson. 1C: Patten, Garnett and Wilson are still going on strong. Patten had a fierce headache yesterday but says he feels better today. We started meeting every day at 5:00 PM to check in with each other. Although Thomas "Waldo" Bolter is not participating in the hunger strike, he has had his people send emails to the governor. Multiple emails and phone calls have been made to different government officials and we have had no response. However, today David told us that the Deputy Commissioner of DHS is "freaking out" about the hunger strike. I hope he does something about it. Press release happened today and sounds like Star Trib. may do a story. Jodi Harpstead has been emailed. The Health and Human Services Finance Division chairman, Tina Liebling, has been emailed, along with the committee in the Senate that governs MSOP laws. There may be an "event" on Sunday to bring awareness to the issue, but not sure what it will be. Tomorrow we should know. Tonight I had to tell staff to bring me down for vitals and they did not do a food inventory on me today. While I was taking vitals, Nick Lammi and I got into an discussion about the hunger strike. He defended the program and told me to do my "research" about the success of programs in other states. Not sure what his point was. He said the program is a failure because "a ton of clients are not even in treatment." I asked him what we could do to encourage maore guys to participate in treatment. He didn't know what to say to that and shut down. While writing this, I was just told that there is a Star Trib. article. Going to look now... New Star Trib. article. We also gave a list of names to David for who is participating in the hunger strike so that he can look at our medical records here at the facility and see our vitals as long as he has an ROI on file for the person. We spoke to David about telling Star Trib. not to use the term "sex offender."

Wednesday January 27, 2021 Day Seven for 1E (day 5 for 1C)

D. Wilson. 1C: Patten looks rough today. Going to have his vitals reported to Start Trib. This is going to get more and more urgent very soon. The authorities need to listen to us. Stay strong and hopeful comrades.

R. Hatton. 1E. Called David B. who provided new website Facebook.com/endmsop. David also said they received an email from Tina Liebling saying she wants to meet to address this matter. Nothing further to report. New Star Tribune article by Chris Serres. Serres still using disparaging language to identify the men in the MSOP. Questions about Serres and why we are working with him if he is still using the media scare tactics and dehumanizing language to identify men in the gulag. Sat down with Flom, Brooks, Cooper and Wachlin to do check-ins at 1:00 pm. Called down to health services to meet with LPN Keri Ovsak. Keri asked about physical condition and shared information she found somewhere online about percentage of body mass and how much a person in an individual's weight-mass can loss before it becomes dangerous. Asked about receiving supplements and vitamins through health services, and if we have a live-in will. I asked for a print out of the body mass index which she said she will find and provide, one was not provided. I denied accepting the supplements and vitamins, as well as Cooper. Brooks became frustrated in the inappropriate badgering and sideways comments by Rachel Orvis, RN. This is becoming a common reaction from certain nursing staff in health services through making such comments as "we are wasting their time", etc.

Daywitt 1E: Had conversations with Galen and David today, when talking to Galen, he stated he has reached out to AP news, some other journalist in NY, who said he is interested in the story about the MSOP, he said he would reach out to Jacob S with *Reason* Mag and have his friend reach out to Steve Yoder also with *Reason*. Talked about the Virginia Senate Judiciary hearing the sex offender civil commitment proposal to close that program. They met today to make a decision if it moves further or not. Then I called David, he told me that the article came out today in the Star Trib, and it still refers to us as "sex offenders" and "child abusers" and "molesters". This is concerning. We also talked about having those who I know in this area who are supporter do a "Honk In" here at the facility to create awareness, this is a good idea, but could also cause people to get arrested as well. He mentioned they have not heard back from Representative Liebling, as of yet, I told him we need to find a Senator as well, I gave some suggestions as to who may be helpful. He thought he would attempt to contact these people, also would talk to Harry about this as he has connections with some Senators.

Thursday January 28 2021

Day Eight for 1E (day 6 for 1C)

D. Wilson. 1C: They did not do a food inventory in my room yesterday. As far as Serres, he actually could be guilty of libel as we are not "sex offenders" in this context. We are mental health patients. (I know we are not even that, but legally and technically, we are NOT sexual criminals). Maybe we should break it down to him like that. I'll call him today. Eldon may have connections in Minnesota. I'll call him today too.

R. Hatton 1E: Staff have been consistent in inventories and 1E Security counselor Kyle Rodgers told us yesterday that they are going to be changing the Client Refusal of Food and or Liquids 320-5210 Policy next week. Was a very busy day. Lots of guys went down and got their vaccine shot for COVID-19. Approximately six or so from 1E did not get the shot. 1E went down at 3:30 PM. Received a notice from Meg McCauley this afternoon that a meeting has been set up with Facility Director Kevin Moser and Clinical Director Peter Puffer for January 29, 2021 at 9:15 am. Spoke with David and did a check-in and follow up with the processes going on outside of here. Stated that he had received an email from Tina Liebling that a tentative meeting is scheduled for

Saturday. Details yet to be announced. Called Eldon and did check-in, also he is sending information from cereset.com and information about the Engineer and Neuroscientist who are working on this study, can't say a whole lot about this until the info is received. Had Hunger Strikers meeting at noon to discuss the meeting with Moser and Puffer tomorrow, will follow up with Dan via green mail to seek clarification and get on the same page. Ombudsman called at 4:20 PM to talk with me (Hatton) was unable to connect due to 4:30 PM count. Said he will call tomorrow.

L. Cooper 1E: Took two count them, two naps today, I never take naps, lost another 3.1lbs since vitals yesterday, that makes 8.3lbs lost total since I started, my blood pressure is way down so that's actually a healthy thing. Excited to see our report in the news, I hope we can blow this out of the water and get things rolling through other facilities around the country. I will do what it takes to get us home, or die trying.

Friday January 29, 2021

Day Nine for 1E (Day 7 for 1C)

D. Wilson: I have lost 7 lbs. in 7 days. Started Saturday. I appreciate you Cooper. Peter Puffer and Kevin Moser came to speak with Daniel Patten, Daniel Wilson and Tony Garnett. We accomplished 3 things:

1. Puffer and Moser both admitted that MSOP can be "improved"
2. Puffer and Moser both agreed to attend future meetings to address issues pertaining to the barriers to release and reintegration
3. We did not tell them that we are quitting the HS. Continuing the HS secures our meeting with Liebling.

"I don't represent the program... I am in regular communication with clinical about specific cases... I want the program that I represent to be successful... your correct that there is a trust issue, but it goes both ways." – Puffer

Patten brought up the Code of Conduct policy and explained how it is not followed and how this has stymied his progress in treatment. Patten said, "We don't have any representation and I don't think you have the juice to fix the problem." Garnett said, "There has to be a way to fix this program. There must be a faster way to get through. It is on you to fix it."

Puffer is one of 3 clinical directors (Puffer, Hebert and ?). It sounds like these 3 are equals in the hierarchy and that he does not make decisions apart from them. I tried to get them to tell us what they were going to fix. This naturally led to them admitting that there were problems, but that they didn't really know what to do about it. We brought up some specific issues and possible solutions. Puffer encouraged us to bring a list of issues to him to look at. I told them we would. Patten and Garnett had great points.

I told them both that they will be receiving a phone call from Michelle MacDonald about her being present at any future meetings we have. I told them that my vote is to have regular meetings. At these meetings, at least the following individuals will be present:

4. Nancy Johnston (Executive Director of MOSP)
5. Jodi Harpstead (Commissioner of DHS)
6. Tina Liebling (Chairwoman of the Health and Human Services Finance Division)
7. All men currently participating in the hunger strike
8. Representation/Witness for the men (MacDonald, L. Feeney, David B., family, etc.)

They both agreed that they would attend a meeting like this. These meetings will be recorded. The only purpose of the meeting is to talk about the barriers to release and the solutions that will be implemented. NOT about conditions of confinement, that is what unit rep meetings are for.

Apart from the fact that it was not recorded, the meeting was a success. We will continue to HS until further notice.

R. Hatton 1E. I don't recall what my weight was when I started I think it was 156 down to 147 - 9 pound difference – it fluctuates depending on what we're wearing too. The following is a description of the meeting minutes taken from the January 29, 2021 9:35 AM meeting with Moser and Puffer:

- “A couple of realities for us” “we get asked to speak for MSOP.” “I have that kind of influence to address things here.” – Puffer
- “There's no clear path out of here, the burden is in on you.” –Hatton
- “You admit there's a problem here and the system is broken?” – Hatton
- “There's room for improvement in any facility” – Moser
- “I'd like to hear your names” – Moser
- “Even if it's not broken we could always do things better” – Puffer
- “You say clear path home, can you give us something to bring forward” – Moser
- “I have a lot of examples” – Hatton
- “Are you aware of what the program offers, or do you feel stuck?” – Puffer
- “The history speaks for itself” – Hatton
- “You said there could be room for improvement what are those?” – Hatton
- “A dialogue, an ongoing conversation” – Moser
- “I have two counterparts, as an organization I can make commitments to my time, but I have others to answer to.” – Puffer
- “Experts have been brought in and given feedback and opinions, but they have been ignored” – Flom
- “There's lots of opinions, some say it's good as well and works (the treatment program)” –Puffer
- “It's something we will be taking back, because there is multiple layers.” – Puffer
- “What we have been sent to do is establish a dialog and see what you guys have to offer so that we can take it back to our superiors.” “If you guys can provide us your personal opinions about what you think needs to be addressed, like the other group with a list of bullet points, that is something we can discuss.” – Moser
- “So what we can agree to is establishing a dialog, but we are not making any commitments at this time as far as verbally provide individual perspective because some of us, like

myself have been here 14 years and it'd be asinine to tell all that right now. So we can address that individually after this meeting and bring it forward at the next meeting."

-Hatton

As far as accomplishments, I have experience in talking with these people, (e.g. when my wife passed and they denied me to attend her funeral, with my mom's passing, with our cultural meetings w/ admin. etc.) those experiences have provided me with insight to how they operate and their ultimate goal is to get business back to usual – MSOP is a business to them. Both Moser and Puffer came from the DOC, neither one of them have ANY training in the field of mental health or how to operate a "hospital". This was testified to in the Karsjens trial transcripts. Puffer is not a doctor in any medical field and his only qualification are from the SO treatment in the DOC.

Accomplishments:

1. Check-in and discuss information shared and establish a timeframe for scheduling a dialog.

I (Hatton) have not addressed anything other than the message for creating a ongoing dialog as a starting point. They have NO authority to literally make the Constitutional changes we know need to be made.

We continue the H.S. I (Hatton) questioned with the significance of these meetings going forward, in order to establish dialog towards realistic change and not more band aids. It is essential that the above officials (Leibling, Harpstead, Johnston, Marshall, Hebert) brought to their attention are present at all and every future meetings. If it is to remain working with only the internal then that kills the intent of what we are doing. Moser and Puffer are under the belief that the program is operating fine with the "provisional discharges recently." They pride themselves on this.

Now there have been two more men who have made a commitment to going all the way. Of course I will do my best to advocate and continue scheduled check-ins with everyone. But it has been expressed from the beginning that these are individual choices. No one is twisting their arms to participate. It is a free will, voluntary decisions that we all understand one another's - as well as almost everyone's pain and misery.

We are having our check-in at 1:00 and doing a meditation. We will then do our individual comm log's. Good work my brothers. Respect and Solidarity.

"If it is to remain working with only the internal then that kills the intent of what we are doing."
D. Wilson 100% agrees.

D. Wilson: Always look for the good and bad. Capitalize on the good and find a way around the bad. In this case, the good is that two grown men (K. Moser and P. Puffer) have given their word to meet again. Now we hold them to it and format a meeting around that. The bad is that we cannot prove that they said it, and now we are forced to "trust" them. We need them in a meeting with those I listed. I'll talk to David about that today and see what we can pull off by tomorrow.

Peace brothers. I am very impressed with 1E men.

Hatton 1E: Tough day today. Effects of the vaccine. Called Michael Woods at 3:55 PM today. Left a message and he will be back Tuesday, February 2, 2021. 5:33 PM Feeling better after laying down. I believe Nancy Stacken is the third Assistant Clinical Director.

R. Hatton 1E. Vitals 147.8 lbs. today. Was notified by **Michael Whipple** that he is joining in the Hunger Strike.

Saturday January 30 2021 Day Ten for 1E (Day 8 for 1C)

R. Hatton 1E. Slept in today to try and recuperate. Feeling somewhat better than yesterday. Did not go to vitals. Need to beginning addressing the bullet points of Constitutional Concerns that need to be addressed.

1. Check-in and discuss information shared and establish a timeframe for scheduling a dialog, but not without Sen. Tina Liebling and Jodi Harpstead.

Goals D. Wilson established at the meeting:

1. Nancy Johnston (Executive Director of MOSP)
2. Jodi Harpstead (Commissioner of DHS)
3. Tina Liebling (Chairwoman of the Health and Human Services Finance Division)
4. All men currently participating in the hunger strike
5. Representation/Witness for the men (MacDonald, L. Feeney, David B., family, etc.)

R. Hatton 1E. Vitals 147.2 lbs. today. Not a whole lot of moving after getting the COVID-19 vaccine yesterday, feeling the side effects so laying in most of the day.

Meeting at 5:15PM tonight, check-ins and follow up on status of events. Talked about protest event for Sunday January 31, 2021. Discussed idea going forward to present at the meeting with Moser, Puffer and hopefully Leibling and Harpstead. Staff are telling guys (hunger strikers) if they have empty containers in their room that they are to throw them away. Just more harassment tactics.

Sunday January 31 2021 Day Eleven for 1E (Day 9 for 1C)

R. Hatton 1E: 3:37 AM. was asked if I wanted to go out and shovel snow. I declined as I understand how it will affect my body and my immune system. Slept in till 11:00 am. Did not go to vitals this morning (exact time unknown when they called). Experiencing significant muscle soreness, urine is orange, infrequent cramping, headaches, fatigue, dry eyes with sporadic sharp pains, joint pains, dry mouth. 5:12:33 PM. Experiencing infrequent wooziness, mild lightheadedness which has been infrequent.

D. Wilson 1C: Russ was up at 3:37 AM? ... Early bird gets the worm ☺ I feel light headed and delirious. Very hard to concentrate. Difficult to hold a conversation. Now real pain, and a lot of fatigue. Very tired. Cannot seem to catch up on sleep. Speech has slowed down. Stomach cramps. Urine is brown. Have not passed BM for 4 days. Skin turning yellow. Been told I look "skinny". Moving slower than normal. Started to jog to my room and had sharp pain in my stomach. Hands dry and cracked. Clearly dehydrated.

C. Wachlin 1E: Woke up at 8:37am. They asked at 7:30 to go down and do my vitals but I didn't have the energy to get out of bed. My mind has been wandering even when I try to find something to occupy my time with. I played x-box for most of the day but found myself becoming more and more frustrated with it. I hurt all over and find it difficult to stay asleep when I am asleep. I've been having problems with my motor skills. That gets frustrating. My mind always feels foggy. When I pee it's a dark yellow almost green and stinks badly.

L. Cooper 1E: I have the unfortunate news to break that I have officially removed myself from the hunger strike, I never wanted to let the guys down, and a part of me feels that way, however the fight will still continue and I still plan on being another outlet for the strong who continue to endure this, by opening up another outlet via the internet, so the guys can get their voices heard. Hopefully this will help them. I want to thank everyone involved for being a part of something that will one way or another make a significant difference in this place and our lives, THANK YOU ALL

R. Hatton: Was notified by **Scott Johnson** that he is joining in the Hunger Strike.

Monday February 1, 2021 Day Twelve for 1E (Day 10 for 1C)

R. Hatton 1E: 8:27:33 AM. Ready to get to work, busy day. Need to call Ross today, need to call and let him know I have work this morning at 10:40 AM to 2:45 PM. More muscle soreness, feeling weak, urine is still orange, experiencing strange sensations in my chest, or more so my respiratory system (lungs). Infrequent dizziness and short burst of euphoria. Need to get the other fella's to do their check-ins so we can keep this updated daily. Men on 1E who are doing a hunger strike: Hatton, Flom, Brooks, Mertz, Whipple, Pettis, Wachlin and Johnson.

R. Hatton 1E: 5:30 PM: Low energy, headache, fatigue. Went to work from 11:00 am to 2:45 pm. Spoke with Flom and Brooks when I got back. They are curious about the Barriers Document. Expressed I would share a copy with them and our strategy going forward. Need to call David tonight and see if there is a certain direction we should plan for. Dan is going to be sharing the barriers document with him tonight for Tuesdays 6:00 meeting with Senator Tina Leibling and DHS Commissioner Jodi Harpstead. **7:35 PM** Called David and joined in on the Conference call. Discussed tomorrow's agenda for the meeting with Sen. Tina Liebling and DHS Comm. Jodi Harpstead. #1 Commitment to a dialog for ongoing meetings with actual dates and times; #2 Clear Path Home a) Release: Recorded Assessments to determine who qualifies for current criteria for commitment.

Tuesday February 2, 2021 Day Thirteen for 1E (Day 11 for 1C)

D. Wilson 1C: So I guess Russ N. is still on the HS, it's just not documented with MSOP. Not sure what to think of that. I feel rough. Lots of weird side effects: racing heart. Dry mouth. Rattled brain. If Leibling and Harpstead agree to ongoing meetings about developing a clear path home, we may call off the HS. If there is extra time, we will dive into Recorded Assessments to determine who qualifies for current criteria for commitment and Current Presentation argument. As far as the Puffer and Moser meetings, I am trying to get the next one either recorded or have representation there with us. (Russ read the Message Board for more details). Peace.

R. Hatton 1E: Vitals at 8:00 am. 145 lbs. this morning, have strange sensation in my heart and lungs. Still experiencing dizzy spells and after vitals started to experience a tingling sensation in my right hand, only. Agree if Leibling and Harpstead make commitment to ongoing dialog and can provide the TWIWOC Committee with an agenda, we will address ending the HS. If extra time, we go into detail about defining what the ongoing dialog will be: Clear Path Home (CPH) – Release through Independent Assessments. If they can amend the statute (to remove inpatient after Fugelseth achieved discharge), they can amend the statute to expedient the release process through independent assessment to assure public safety. I received the request back from Meg McCauley who spoke with me and said that is not her position. Encouraged that MacDonald call and request this. I put in the same request to the Legal department today. Meeting with Moser and Puffer, my thoughts are that Moser admitted the program needs “improvements”. I put in a request to him asking him to bring a bullet point list of the improvements he acknowledges need to be made. But as far as I am concerned, assessments are first and foremost. It needs to be determined through Ind. Assessments we need to be here, otherwise if men don't meet the qualification for continued commitment, then there is no need to discuss the program improvements (e.g. conditions of confinement, etc.). **Durations of confinement are the key issue, not conditions.** We need to have an heightened awareness of this rabbit hole! **2.2.21 @ 7:13:33 PM R. Hatton:** SP called and he said he heard Ruby making her argument. I told him that he were asked not to be involved in this initial meeting, he wasn't aware of that.

Wednesday February 3, 2021 Day Fourteen for 1E (Day 12 for 1C)

D. Wilson 1C: feeling weak today. Stomach cramps and back pain. Hard to focus. Dry mouth. Can't catch up on sleep. Sleeping 12 hours a day easy. Irritable. Frustrated easily, even angry at times for no reason. Chest pains. Sharp headaches. Everything hurts. Tried to get representation for tomorrow, but doesn't look like it's going to happen. We'll see. We are waiting to hear back from Harpstead about ongoing meetings.

R. Hatton 1E: stayed up late and went through my property, preparing. Sending a bunch of books out. Sharp pains in abdomen, headaches, chest pain, strange respiratory sensation – not good. Aching muscles, easily irritated, infrequent burst of energy.

2.3.21 @ 2:00 PM Jodi Harpstead sent an email (offer) to the coalition: End the hunger strike if the agreement is reached.

Offer: One (1) monthly 45 minute meeting with the defined members of the hunger strike group, coalition and MSOP group (?). Individuals who will be present at the meetings are Marshall Smith DCT-CEO; Nancy Johnston, MSOP Director, Jannine Hebert Exec. Clinical Director; Michael

Woods Minnesota Ombudsman, 1 Defense Attorney – William Lubov, and 1 Out of State Expert Jason Smith, the email also indicated additional meeting attendees (e.g. Harpstead, etc.). Topic of the Meetings: **Clear Path Home**. The recommended Defense attorney was William Lubov, (Fugelseth's Attorney); and Jason Smith from the Wisconsin program as the Expert. Feeney suggested someone from the Massachusetts program. June of 2021 a Findings and Recommendations will be sent to Senator Tina Leibling.

D. Wilson 1C: My vote: Take the deal. I'll run it by the guys and let you know their thoughts. Also, from my understanding it is actually 2 meetings a month – one with us and one with the team outside of here. I'm not totally comfortable with them picking all the lawyers etc., but we have lawyers on board too so it's balanced.

R. Hatton 1E@ 5:00 PM: My vote: Counter offer with the ability to include our Attorneys AND Expert. Feeney suggested an Expert from the Massachusetts program. Yes it is two (2) meetings, one with us and one with the coalition. This is where David and I agreed that we quickly communicate the meetings discussions to make sure we are all on the same page and go over the conversations. My questions is Why separate us? Why not have us all meet at the same time ITV?

D. Wilson 1C @ 5:30 PM: Russ and Dan agree to call off the hunger strike on our respective units per the agreement with Jodi Harpstead.

Thursday February 4, 2021	Day Fifteen for 1E (Day 13 for 1C)
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R. Hatton: 6:57:33 AM. Working on getting my feet grounded, and my head in the game, preparing for this morning's meetings. Tentative meeting with Moser and Puffer at 9:35 to 10:35 AM. Really mild tension headache in the back of my head, upper neck. Mild achiness in my body. Got about 6 hours of sleep, my back-wings are feeling sore. Don't know about much else because I just got up and haven't done a lot of moving around yet. **Durations of confinement are the key issue, not conditions.** Chris Serres left four voice messages ask to return his call. I am assuming he wants to do another story. 2.4.21 @ 5:20 PM Met with Amy Farmer and Bridestone Harris to discuss my "diagnosis. They cannot give me any answers to why I am still diagnosed with the other specified paraphilic disorder nonconsent/coercion and other specified personality disorder with antisocial features because they did not author the Mental Health Assessment nor are they forensic examiners. Next Farmer brought up the dynamic risk factor that I need to "work on." Capacity for Relationship Stability, I expressed that this cannot be addressed in an institutional setting, she agreed so I asked then does she not see how contradictory that is to say I need to work on it yet it cannot be said to be addressed until I have been in the community for five years? The other was Negative Emotionality. What? So I asked when in the last year, when in the last 14 years have I exhibited negative emotionality. What empirical evidence or objective evidence says these are "active symptoms" or whatever they are? They could not answer these questions and said again that they are not forensic examiners. The conversation basically ended after.

February 4, 2021 9:35 AM to 10:35 AM meeting with Kevin Moser MSOP-Moose Lake Facility Director and Peter Puffer MSOP-Moose Lake Clinical Director. This meeting had to be reschedule due to Mr. Puffer unable to make it due to weather conditions. We spoke with Mr.

Moser and shared our intentions in sharing specific Barriers to Release concerns and solutions and requested that the meeting be reschedule as there were specific concerns that only Mr. Puffer could address as the Clinical Director. From the Barriers to Release document provided, specific concerns were selected, those were: Barriers to Release and Solutions to Barriers No. 2 to be presented by Russell John Hatton; Barriers to Release and Solutions to Barriers No. 6to be presented by Joshua Brooks; Barriers to Release and Solutions to Barriers No. 8 to be presented by Charles Wachlin; Barriers to Release and Solutions to Barriers No. 12 to be presented by Larry Cooper; and Barriers to Release and Solutions to Barriers No. 14 to be presented by Jacob Flom. These concerns will be brought to the tentative meeting to occur on February 10th 2021 at 8:30 – 9:30 am.

D. Wilson 1C: Kevin Moser came to see us today. We gave him the following documents:

1. Barriers to Release and Potential Solutions
2. Age is the Most Important Element
3. SO Civil Commitment Advisory Task Force Reports
4. Substituting the Medical Model for a Psychoeducational Model
5. Patten's bullet point w/ ITP

R. Hatton 1E: Met with 1E psychologist Amy Farmer and clinician Bridestone Harris at 2:00 PM for an individual session. The discussions of that meeting are as follows from the Letter of Memorialization I submitted to Farmer:

At this individual session you had invited Mr. Harris 1E Clinician. You did not clarify why Mr. Harris would be attending the individual session but I assumed he would be seeking clarification and understanding on his stance on alleging I was “demanding” him to look into my records to provide me insight and promote understand as to the fourteen year history in the MSOP – had I ever exhibited any behaviors associated with the diagnosis of other specified paraphilic disorder nonconsent/coercion and/or other specified personality disorder with antisocial features. I attempted to provide clarification that I became frustrated when Mr. Harris misinterpreted my words saying I was “demanding” him to look into my records at MSOP, when I asked Harris, I asked him if he would do these things, and had to repeat this numerous times, becoming frustrated and removing myself from the conversation.

In yesterday's session you referred to a request I'd submitted previously seeking:

1. Insight from you and to promote understanding into the other specified paraphilic disorder nonconsent/coercion and/or other specified personality disorder with antisocial features based on Current Presentation;
2. I sought clarification to provide insight and promote understanding as to how I am wrong in this understanding based on the current presentation.

My questions were not answered. Rather, I left the meeting feeling more confused and frustrated.

First, the MSOP diagnosticians reliance on an inaccurate historical record – Findings of Facts which is contradicted by the criminal history itself, as well as court

documents and witness testimony of which I have made efforts to provide to 1E Clinical to promote insight and understanding.

Second, in order for either diagnosis to be current, I would have to had exhibited behaviors directly associated with either disorder. It was not explained in a manner that provided understanding as to when in the last year, or more so, when in the last fourteen year history of my preventive detention in the program, had I exhibited any behaviors that have caused significant clinical distress in my daily living. Nor was it explained to me how my interpretation is incorrect.

I feel like, the MSOP clinical and diagnosticians sole reliance on a sixteen year old criminal record that I have shown to be inaccurate through actual physical evidence, court documents, witness testimony and also that the criminal history contradicts the excuse of exhibiting paraphilic behaviors over a six (6) month period, are in fact wrong.

I do appreciate you meeting with me to share your perspective of your training and education on the DSM-5. I am simply stating that I believe it is incorrect, or at least the application of how it is interpreted in the MSOP clinical/diagnostician setting is improperly employed and do not comply with the standards and guidelines recommended. Now, if you can provide me insight and promote understanding into how I can understand it from your perspective and how I am incorrect in my understanding, please do so because more than anyone, I want to know what my disorders are so I can work on them to promote change and improve the quality of my life.

Friday February 5, 2021

Day Sixteen for 1E (Day 14 for 1C)

R. Hatton 1E: Feeling tired, exhausted worn down, mentally, emotionally. I feel like the meeting yesterday with Farmer and Harris were attempts to frustrate and confuse to elicit a negative emotional reaction. I've no anger in me and only want to help others, but they have evil and terrible intentions. Those intentions are to continue manipulating this population into believing that they are mentally ill and dangerous in a sexual manner beyond rehabilitation. They are intent on telling men that they suffer from these alleged serious sexual mental illnesses. I've not experienced a deviant sexual thought in nearly two decades from the night I committed the third degree and yet they, they wants us to believe that we are the same person today that we were then. Incapable of change, incapable of remorse, guilt and shame. In capable of wanting to somehow repair the mental and emotional harm afflicted and how they will not stop tearing us down instead of doing what they were trained to do and that is improve the quality of our lives. It is as if they feed off the desperate and deep roots of hopelessness and helplessness that complicates this entire population. I am tired of all the plastic smiles and masks and pretend normal. I'm so tired of it all. @ 9:26 AM.

R. Hatton 1E: At approximately 3:45 pm Amy Farmer and Bridestone Harris came to check in with me about our conversation yesterday. I expressed that I will address my concerns in the meeting with Mr. Moser and Mr. Puffer and that I felt guarded that the 1E clinical might retaliate against me. Especially in the position I am now with my discharge process. I sensed that Farmer and Harris were exhibiting attitudes of self-preservation.

R. Hatton 1E: At approximately 7:00 PM I started having sharp pains on my right side, suspected kidney. Reported to unit staff, requested them to call Health Services and see if they think I should come down at approximately 8:20 PM tonight. No response from the unit staff what health services response was. Most likely they will tell them to tell me to put in a health services request.

Saturday February 6, 2021 Day Seventeen for 1E (Day 15 for 1C)

R. Hatton 1E: I've been drinking lots of water. Need to read and reread all the documents we are preparing and bringing to the DHS meeting. Green mailed Daniel so hopefully there is no delay in the documents I sent him so we can remain on the same page. thevoicesofocean.net business cards turned out nice, would like to see them in color print, also made some modified versions with the bloodonurhands formatting. I'll send several of these to Daniel as well. Heard from Todd that the story about the hunger strike and Harpstead were on Minnesota Public Radio. Also heard from Alexander that there is a big story on it in the Star Tribune.

Sunday February 7, 2021 Day Eighteen for 1E (Day 16 for 1C)

R. Hatton 1E: No Follow up from health services. Men on 1E put in health request asking for "Boost" as a supplement to replenish our bodies with essential nutrients. Still no response. Got together with the fella's to go over our presentations again for Wednesday. Talking about the discussions to take place for the DHS meeting, shared the Barriers doc. Finished the business cards and worked on distribution.

D. Wilson 1C: Very proud of the men that participated in the hunger strike. It took a lot of courage. Many people don't understand our situation and how hopeless it truly is. However, actions like this will send the loud and clear message: "This system is not working for us. We just want **A Clear Path Home.**"