



CHAIRMAN'S MEMORANDUM

NO. 5-2007

April 25, 2007

TO: SHERIFFS, COMMISSIONERS OF CORRECTION, CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

RE: Care of Pregnant Inmates and Newborn Children

With an apparent rise in the female inmate population, the Commission has noted a significant increase in both the number of county correctional facilities reporting births to committed inmates and the requests by such facilities for guidance as to their responsibilities in caring for both the mother and child.

In an effort to provide a resource for your facility should such a situation arise, attached please find a legal opinion from Brian M. Callahan, an attorney in the Commission's Office of Counsel. If you should have any questions after reviewing this opinion, please feel free to contact the Commission's Office of Counsel.

Daniel L. Stewart, Chairman