

Hello, my name is Sarah Miller and I am the Program Manager of the Stronghold: A Culturally Responsive Peer Support Program.

I am emailing you to highlight a few issues that have been brought to my attention by individuals who are currently incarcerated at Coffee Creek.

I received two phone calls, one by Shyanna Sanders, her sister Latanna Jackson and the other from Racina Allen. These three women experienced unfair conditions and treatment while either sick with covid or witnessing individuals around them become infected with the virus.

Shyanna and Latanna both had covid at the same time. They both had fever type conditions and did not receive the proper care to reduce their fevers and lessen the affliction of the virus. They both stated it felt as if they were left to experience the sickness with little to no care in reducing the symptoms. They both were left to care for one another and others who became sick with the virus...They, as well as others, did not receive any medication or treatment to help alleviate the symptoms they experienced while contracting the virus.

Racina Allen called and spoke with me stating that it seemed intentional by the staff to infect the inmates that are incarcerated at Coffee Creek. The staff would work with Covid type symptoms and at times were not wearing proper PPE. She felt that this was intentional because after witnessing this, other inmates started to become infected and tested positive with Covid.

These women have been in contact with me since the beginning of the Stronghold and continue to maintain their relationship with our program. I feel they deserve better care and the staff need to exercise precautions to avoid infecting those who are incarcerated and are left with little to no means of care to fight the covid virus.