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Walter F. Ulmer, Commissioner

Mental Health and Corrections

Courtland D. Perry, Asst. Atty. Gen'l.

Mental Health & Corrections

Removal of Pineland Dischargees from Work Placement

On Friday, June 21, 1963, you asked of this office whether there exists any legal authority which would permit Pineland personnel to remove from a present, and re-establish in a new work situation, former Pineland patients who have been absolutely discharged.

You ask further, whether any laws would be violated, or the rights of any person infringed, if Pineland personnel assisted such dischargees in finding new employment, when such assistance is clearly desired and requested by the dischargees.

It is the opinion of this office that upon absolute discharge Pineland's legal authority over, and responsibility for, patients ceases.

It is, however, the further opinion of this office that when it is brought to the attention of Pineland personnel that dischargees located by Pineland in work situations, prior to discharge, are physically mistreated by the employer, and inquiry by Pineland personnel into the matter establishes to their satisfaction that the complaints are valid, and the dischargees involved clearly desire and request relief from their situation, in the form of new employment, no laws would be violated and no person's rights infringed if Pineland personnel render assistance in accordance with the request.

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