

This week's briefs:

- Ministry of Health re-establishes health care within the walls of AL Barhib prison
- CPA team to move to MOH

The Abu Ghareib prison will soon have medical care once again

In cooperation with the Ministry of Prisons, the MOH agreed to provide care for inmates and staff at the Abu Ghareib prison. The new prison will initially have a small clinic to support the prison population and in the future a 40 bed in-patient facility will be in place to support Abu Ghareib and other prisons in the Baghdad area.

Pay day for Iraqi medical personnel.

On July 28th, the MOH began payments to former Iraqi Military Medical Personnel that are now part of the ministry. Over \$2 million dollars will be distributed to these employees using five locations over a 3 day period.

"Customer Focus" is the new outlook for the Kimadia system

The initial planning is underway to improve on the logistics of Kimadia. Interim procedures for ordering are in place and the information is being passed out to the governorates.

The Kimadia management is currently planning to hold a national meeting of all Kimadia leadership on August 7th at the MOH building to discuss current and future activities. Some topics for discussion will be customer service, ordering procedures and transition plans for when the Oil-For-Food Program ends in November.

Operation Clean Medical Areas will soon be coming

In support of Ambassador Bremer's initiative to create 300,000 new jobs, the Ministry of Health has submitted a requirement for 5,000 temporary employees. These employees will work for 90 days under the direction of the Director Generals of each Governorate. The

mission is to augment existing staff to pick up trash and beautify the areas around our health care facilities.

Power of Combining Resources

The MOH and WHO are partnering to renovate the #2 warehouse of Kimadia. WHO is contributing \$400,000 which is being added to the \$300,000 that the MOH had allocated to start this project. The total amount will be enough to bring the facility back on line and Kimadia #2 should be ready to receive supplies in 60 days. The MOH looks forward to developing other such partnerships with WHO.

CPA MOH team moving downtown

As of August 2nd the CPA Ministry of Health team will work full-time at the downtown MOH headquarters. The work hours for the MOH were extended to 8-2pm six days a week.

USAID donates furniture and computers

Thanks to two grants from USAID's Office of Transition Initiatives (OTI), hundreds of desks, chairs, tables and equipment arrived at the MOH on Tuesday. Ministry of Health personnel were enthusiastic about such a visible sign of progress.

Emergency Medical Training (EMT) start this week

The groundwork has been laid for the initial EMT training for 50 "first responders" in Iraq. This initiative was created as a result of cooperation between the MOH and others to ensure life-saving care is supported through the development of highly qualified "first responders".

Medical Supplies continue to flow

During this past week, Kimadia's warehouses received 450 tons of medical while delivering over 550 tons to regional Kimadia's and other customers in the country.

New arrivals to the MOH Team

Dr. Kataiba Chalaby just arrived to head up all mental health programs for the CPA Ministry of Health Team.

Major Pam Evans is the military assistant and scheduler for Mr. Haveman.

Mr. John Walker will be the head of Budget and Finance for the MOH team.

Farewells to the MOH staff

Specialist Jeremiah Cox & MSgt Byrnes departed for their normal military units after serving 3 months with the CPA MOH helping to pay MOH employees and deliver critically needed medical supplies throughout Iraq.

Ms Diana Tabler heads back to Washington DC to resume her duties as the Chief of Staff for Health Affairs at the Pentagon.

All three will be sorely missed.

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Oil For Food Program supplies arrived at Kimadia #1 to replenish inventory.

Upcoming Events Calendar:

31 July, 1100: NGO meeting

7 August: National Kimadia Mtg

21 August: National Vaccine Day