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Mr. George Christie
Probation Association of NJ
617 Union Avenue
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Brielle, NJ 08730

Re: Bloodborne Pathogens (BBP) Training & Vaccination/Testing for BBP's

Dear Mr. Christie,

I have had an opportunity to review the situation involving Stewart Martinsen regarding Bloodborne Pathogens training for probation officers, and testing for TB and HBV.

After carefully reviewing the PEOSHA requirements which mirror the Federal OSHA Standard under 29 CFR 1910.1030, that any probation officer who must deal with prisoners or detainees where they would have to subdue them, deal with them after a violent episode, or come in contact with individuals who may have TB, HBV, HIV would come under the definitions of "Occupational Exposure," and the definitions of "Bloodborne Pathogens, HBV, HIV" "Other Potentially Infectious Materials," and "Parenteral."

These definitions are given below:

- 1) ***Occupational Exposure*** means reasonably anticipated skin, eye, mucous membrane, or parenteral contact with blood or other potentially infectious materials that may result from the performance of an employee's duties.
- 2) ***Bloodborne Pathogens*** means pathogenic microorganisms that are present in human blood and can cause disease in humans. These pathogens include, but are not limited to, hepatitis B virus (HBV) and human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).
- 3) ***Other Potentially Infectious Materials*** means (1) The following human body fluids: semen, vaginal secretions, cerebrospinal fluid, synovial fluid, pleural fluid, pericardial fluid, peritoneal fluid, amniotic fluid, saliva in dental procedures, any body fluid that is visibly contaminated with blood, and all body fluids in situations where it is difficult or impossible to differentiate between body fluids.



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- 4) ***Parenteral*** means piercing mucous membranes or the skin barrier through such events as needle sticks, human bites, cuts, and abrasions.

Based on my discussions with Mr. Martinsen, and reviewing the documents forward to me, he and other probation officers with similar job activities would require training for Bloodborne Pathogens under requirements of NJ PEOSHA and the NJ Judiciary's Exposure Control Plan which both use the Federal OSHA Standard 29 CFR 1910.1030 as the guidance document.

Further, if the Bloodborne Pathogens Training is required, this would also clearly indicate the potential for exposure to TB, HIV, HBV and the need for vaccine and/or any appropriate testing for these infectious agents.

If you need additional clarification, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert E. Sheriff". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "R" and "S".

Robert E. Sheriff, CIH, CSP
CEO & President

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Enclosure