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### Alarming Pattern of Infection-Related Deaths at Central Virginia Training Center

Several residents of Central Virginia Training Center (CVTC) have died of urinary tract and other infections, according to a series of investigations conducted by the disAbility Law Center of Virginia (dLCV). Over the last eighteen months, dLCV uncovered a high number of deaths at the facility related to infection and sepsis. In September, 2016, dLCV notified CVTC of its concerns about the high number of deaths. The deaths were particularly disturbing because urinary tract infections are both preventable and treatable. If not treated, the infections can lead to prolonged suffering and death. Equally concerning, CVTC failed to appropriately respond to several advisories that might have prevented the deaths.

Subsequent to the notice from dLCV, the disability rights watch dog agency monitored ongoing incident reports at the institution, reviewed corrective actions and observed sanitation conditions at CVTC. The disAbility Law Center of Virginia notes that CVTC did finally undertake preventative steps after receiving notice of the investigative findings, and that it appears that the pattern of infection-related deaths may be reversing.

“We are saddened by this unnecessary loss of life,” said dLCV’s Executive Director, Colleen Miller, “Thankfully and at long last, CVTC appears to be responding appropriately to prevent further suffering and death.”

dLCV is a nonprofit organization that serves as the Commonwealth’s designated protection and advocacy system. dLCV’s mission is to fight abuse and neglect and to encourage people with disabilities to have choice, independence, and inclusion in all aspect of life.

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