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Sheriff Toby Spencer
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RE: 2019 Annual Jail Inspection

Dear Sheriff Toby Spencer:

In accordance with Section 5120.10 of the Ohio Revised Code and Executive Order 92-03 of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, the Darke County Correctional Facility, a full service jail, was inspected on 11/07/2019. The inspection was restricted to assessing compliance with a group of standards, selected from the Standards for Jails in Ohio promulgated by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. The group of standards being inspected focused on Reception & Release, Classification, Security, Housing, Sanitation and Environmental Conditions, Communication, Visitation, Medical and Mental Health Services, Food Service, Recreation and Programming, Inmate Discipline, Administrative Segregation, Grievance, Staffing, and Staff Training. The inspection consisted of this Inspector receiving and/or reviewing requested documentation and/or materials, touring selected areas of the jail, and having discussions with various jail staff.

The total actual general housing capacity for the Darke County Correctional Facility is 36. On the date of the jail inspection, there were 33 inmates incarcerated in the Darke County Correctional Facility. The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction recommended housing capacity for the jail is 36, which is based upon total available living space and other requirements. Officials should maintain prisoner counts within the Department's recommended capacity figure.

The Darke County Correctional Facility (Full Service Jail) is in compliance with 97 standards, 44 "Essential", and 53 "Important".

5120:1-8-01 (A)(1); -01 (A)(3); -01 (A)(4); -01 (A)(7); -01 (A)(9); -01 (A)(12); -02 (B)(1); -02 (B)(2); -02 (B)(4); -02 (D); -03 (A)(1); -03 (A)(3); -03 (A)(4); -03 (A)(5); -03 (A)(7); -03 (B)(2); -03 (B)(4); -03 (B)(5); -03 (B)(6); -03 (B)(7); -03 (B)(8); -03 (B)(10)(a); -03 (B)(10)(b); -03 (B)(10)(c); -03 (B)(10)(d); -03 (B)(11)(b); -03 (B)(11)(c); -03 (B)(12); -03 (B)(15); -03 (B)(16); -03 (B)(17); -04 (A)(4); -04 (D); -04 (E); -04 (F); -04 (G); -04 (H); -04 (J); -04 (K); -05 (A); -05 (B); -05 (C); -05 (E); -05 (G)(1); -05 (G)(2); -05 (H)(3); -05 (I); -05 (J); -05 (K); -05 (L); -05 (M); -05 (P); -05 (Q); -06 (B); -06 (C); -06 (G); -07 (A); -07 (D); -07 (E); -07 (H); -07 (I); -09 (E); -09 (F); -09 (G); -09 (J); -09 (K); -09 (M); -09 (N); -09 (P); -09 (Q); -09 (U); -09 (V); -09 (W); -09 (X); -10 (A); -10 (B); -10 (C); -10 (E); -10 (F); -10 (G)(1); -10 (G)(2); -11 (A); -11 (B); -11 (E); -12 (B); -12 (C); -12 (F); -12 (G); -12 (H); -15 (B); -16 (A); -17 (D); -17 (E); -17 (F); -17 (G); -18 (B); -18 (E);

The Darke County Correctional Facility did not comply with 17 standards, 8 "Essential", and 9 "Important". This letter is intended to serve as a basis for developing plans of action for bringing the facility into compliance with the deficiencies noted during the inspection.

5120:1-8-03 (A) Each full service jail shall maintain the following minimum standards in regard to security of the jail. (6) (Essential) A two-way communications system between central control, staffed posts and inmate occupied areas.

Comments: On the day of the inspection the jail did not have two way communication in all the housing cells. Jail officials need to provide two way communication in all inmate occupied areas .

5120:1-8-03 (B) Each full service jail shall have written policies and procedures, and practices which evidence, that the following minimum standards are maintained. (9) (Essential) Inmates in physical restraints shall be personally checked by staff every ten minutes. The report of the use of physical restraints shall be reviewed and signed off by a non involved supervisor or higher ranking personnel. The use of physical restraints shall be reviewed for policy compliance by the jail administrator or designee.

Comments: On the day of the inspection many of the 10 minute checks were overdue. Jail officials should make sure staff is checking inmates in physical restraints at minimum every 10 minutes.

5120:1-8-04 (B) (Important)) Seating shall be provided in holding areas, holding cells, housing cells, dormitories, dayrooms and eating areas for each inmate.

Comments: On the day of the inspection seating was not provided in inmate housing areas. Jail officials should provide seating in all inmate housing.

5120:1-8-04 (C) (Important) Single cells/rooms and multiple occupancy cells/rooms/dormitories shall have an air circulation of fifteen cubic feet of outside or recirculated filtered air per minute per occupant or as required by the local authority having jurisdiction. Documentation from a qualified source shall be maintained by the jail.

Comments: On the day of the inspection no documentation was provided from a qualified source confirming the air circulation of fifteen cubic feet of outside or recirculated filtered air per minute per occupant. Jail officials should provide the above information for compliance.

5120:1-8-05 (N) (Important) Training in jail fire safety equipment shall be conducted annually.

Comments: On the day of the inspection no staff sign off or other documentation showing the training was completed was provided. Jail Officials should download documentation showing all staff has completed the required training .

5120:1-8-05 (O) (Essential) Fire drills shall be conducted every three months on each shift.

Comments: On the day of the inspection fire drills provide were not clear on what shift these drills were done and there was no way to demonstrate compliance. Jail officials should do one download showing a years worth of fire drills specifying shift and date as to demonstrate compliance

5120:1-8-09 (A) (Essential) Health authority. The jail has a designated health authority with responsibility for health and/or mental health care services pursuant a written agreement, contract or job description. The health authority may be a physician, health administrator or agency. When the health authority is other than a local physician, final clinical judgment rests with a single, designated, responsible, local physician licensed in Ohio. The health authority is responsible and authorized to: A1): Provide written policies and procedures specifically designed for the jail for all aspects of this standard that shall be reviewed on an annual basis. A2): Arranges for all levels of health care, mental health care and dental care and assures quality, accessible and timely are services for inmates. When necessary medical, mental health or dental care is not available at the jail, inmates referred to an appropriate setting. A3): Ensure where there is a separate organizational structure for mental health services; there is a designated mental health clinician. A4): Ensure decisions and actions regarding health care and mental health care meet inmate's serious medical and mental health needs are the sole responsibility of qualified health care and mental health professionals. A5): No inmate shall be denied necessary health care, as designated by the health authority.

Comments: On the day of the inspection nothing in policy addressed a procedure for dental or an organizational structure for mental health. Jail officials should provide further information as verification to the standard .

5120:1-8-09 (B) (Essential) Inmate pre-screen. Before acceptance into jail, health-trained personnel shall inquire about, but not be limited to the following conditions and the health authority shall develop policies for the acceptance or denial of admission for:

- (1) Suicide thoughts/plan.
- (2) Current serious or potentially serious medical or mental health issues needing immediate attention.
- (3) The use of taser, pepper spray or other less lethal use of force during arrest.

Comments: On the day of the inspection no training records were provided as verification that staff is health trained . Jail officials should download training or sign offs for completed training specific to the intake screen as documentation to verify staff has been health trained on the pre-screen.

5120:1-8-09 (C) (Essential) Receiving screen. Health trained personnel, in accordance with protocols established by the health authority, shall perform a written medical, dental and mental health receiving screening on each inmate upon arrival at the jail and prior to being placed in general population.

- (1) Inquiry includes at least the following:
 - (a) Current and past illness and health problems;
 - (b) Current and past dental problems;
 - (c) Current and past mental health problems;
 - (d) Allergies;
 - (e) Current medications for medical and mental health;
 - (f) Hospitalizations for medical or mental health purpose(s);
 - (g) Special health needs;
 - (h) Serious infection or communicable illness(s);
 - (i) Use of alcohol and drugs including types, amounts and frequency used, date or time of last use and history of any problems after ceasing use i.e. withdrawal symptoms;
 - (j) Suicidal risk assessment;
 - (k) Possibility of pregnancy;
 - (l) Other health problems as designated by the health authority.
- (2) Observation of the following:
 - (a) Behavior including state of consciousness, mental health status, appearance, conduct, tremors and sweating;
 - (b) Body deformities and ease of movement;
 - (c) Condition of skin, including trauma markings, bruises, lesions, jaundice, rashes, infestations and needle marks or other indications of drug abuse.
- (3) Medical disposition of inmate:
 - (a) General population;
 - (b) General population with prompt referral to appropriate health or mental health services;
 - (c) Referral for emergency treatment;
 - (d) Medical observation/isolation;
 - (e) Mental health observation/precautions;
 - (f) Documentation of date, time and signature and title of person completing screening.

Comments: On the day of the inspection not all aspects are meet for this standard. Dental questions must be asked during this phase of intake and further looked into at the 14 day health appraisal. Jail officials need make sure a dental question is address during this part of the intake process.

5120:1-8-09 (D) (Essential) Health appraisal. Within fourteen days, a licensed nurse, physician, physician's assistant, EMT or paramedic shall complete a health appraisal to determine the medical and mental health condition for each inmate in custody. Such appraisal shall at least include the following:

- (1) Review of receiving screen.
- (2) Collection of additional data to complete the medical, dental and mental health history.
- (3) Laboratory and/or diagnostic tests to detect tuberculosis and other suspected communicable diseases as designated by the health authority.
- (4) Recording the height, weight, pulse, blood pressure and temperature.

- (5) Medical examination as determined by the examiner.
- (6) Mental health assessment.
- (7) Initiation of therapy when determined necessary by the examiner.
- (8) Development and implementation of a treatment plan.
- (9) Other test and examination as determined by the examiner or health authority.

Comments: On the day of the inspection the jail did not conduct TB tests on all incoming inmates . Jail officials need to make sure all inmates have TB tests prior to the 14th day of incarceration.

5120:1-8-09 (H) (Essential) Health and mental health complaints. The jail shall ensure that there is a daily procedure whereby inmates have an opportunity to report medical and mental health complaints through health trained personnel, or for urgent matters, to any jail employee. The jail employee shall contact the appropriate medical or mental health department immediately. An inmate grievance system for medical and mental health treatment shall be established by the health authority. Both daily complaints and grievances shall be:

- (1) Addressed in a timely manner.
- (2) Recorded and maintained on file.
- (3) Reviewed daily by qualified health care personnel and treatment or follow-up shall be provided as necessary.

Comments: On the day of the inspection policy did not mention or address mental health. Furthermore, nothing in policy mentioned medical or mental health grievances. Jail officials should update policy to meet all aspects of the policy.

5120:1-8-10 (D) (Important) Records of food items served at meals shall be maintained pursuant to the jail's record retention schedule.

Comments: On the day of the inspection, no retention schedule was provided for examination for compliance. Jail official's should provide the departmental records retention schedule for food service items served to be compliant with the standard.

5120:1-8-15 (D) (Important) Within twenty-four hours of administrative segregation, the inmate shall be provided with written documentation of the reason for confinement. The inmate shall be provided an opportunity for a written or oral response to the jail administrator or designee, to be reviewed within seventy-two hours for determination of continued confinement.

Comments: On the day of the inspection disciplinary records were provided however documents for administrative segregation need to be provided. Please note disciplinary and administrative segregation are two separate areas. Jail officials should download documents to demonstrate compliance to administrative segregation .

5120:1-8-15 (E) (Important) Inmates held in administrative segregation for thirty consecutive days shall receive an administrative review by the jail administrator or designee. Subsequent reviews shall be conducted every thirty days. Reviews shall be documented.

Comments: At the time of inspection, Jail Administration did not provide supporting documentation in order to evidence compliance for this standard.

5120:1-8-18 (A) (Important) Jail support staff with routine contact shall receive training in pertinent agency policies and procedures prior to or in conjunction with assignment to jail duties.

- (1) During the first year of assignment receive twenty-four hours of training including legal aspects of corrections, basic security concepts, emergency preparedness, interpersonal communications, first aid/CPR, unarmed self-defense, and " Standards for Jails in Ohio."
- (2) Two hours of in-service training each subsequent year of employment addressing specific job assignments and/or jail related issues.

Comments: On the day of the inspection no documentation was provided showing all staff was trained in basic security concepts, emergency preparedness, interpersonal communications, first aid/CPR, unarmed self-defense and "Standards for Jails in Ohio." Jail officials should download documentation as verification these topics were all trained with in the first year of hire. Jail officials should note that correction officers are not considered support staff for this standard, they have there own specific training standards.

5120:1-8-18 (C) (Important) Administrators and supervisors shall receive training in addition to the training specified in paragraph (B) of this rule as follows:

- (1) Training in jail policies and procedures prior to assignment to jail duties.
- (2) During the first year of assignment, forty hours of training including legal aspects of jail management, managerial principles, labor relations, and records/information management.
- (3) Eight hours of in-service training each subsequent year of employment addressing special issues, skills-enhancement, and other assignment related topics.

Comments: On the day of the inspection no documentation was provided verified that there was forty hours of training including legal aspects of jail management, managerial principles, labor relations and records/information management. Jail officials should provide documentation demonstrating this training has been conducted .

5120:1-8-18 (D) (Important) Jail support staff with occasional contact shall receive training in pertinent agency policies and procedures prior to or in conjunction with assignment to jail duties.

Comments: On the day of the inspection no documentation was provided as verification that training was completed. Jail officials should download training records as verification of training .

Plan of action forms are enclosed. Completed form(s) and/or corrective materials addressing the noted deficiencies must be completed and submitted through the Ohio Jail Management System (OHJMS) at www.OHJMS.Intelligrants.com within 45 days of receipt of this correspondence. Please feel free to contact the Bureau if you need assistance or clarification in this effort. The Bureau remains available to discuss the aspects of this report or to provide reference materials or assistance as desired.

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