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Sheriff John Tharp  
Lucas County Corrections Center  
1622 Spielbusch Avenue  
Toledo, OH 43604

RE: 2019 Annual Jail Inspection

Dear Sheriff John Tharp:

In accordance with Section 5120.10 of the Ohio Revised Code and Executive Order 92-03 of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, the Lucas County Corrections Center, a full service jail, was inspected on 11/25/2019. 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 Lucas County Corrections Center is 366. On the date of the jail inspection, there were 445 inmates incarcerated in the Lucas County Corrections Center. The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction recommended housing capacity for the jail is 346, which is based upon total available living space and other requirements. Officials should maintain prisoner counts within the Department's recommended capacity figure.

The Lucas County Corrections Center (Full Service Jail) is in compliance with 103 standards, 47 "Essential", and 56 "Important".

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

The Lucas County Corrections Center did not comply with 12 standards, 6 "Essential", and 6 "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.

5120:1-8-01 (A) (9) (Important) Inmates shall not be confined in the reception area for more than twelve hours except when security, health and mental health concerns are being addressed.

Comments: On the day of the inspection some inmates were being housed longer than 12 hours in booking. Jail officials need to make sure no one is being held in booking longer than 12 hours.

5120:1-8-01 (A) (12) (Important) Juveniles shall not be held in jails except under rare circumstances - if at all -and shall be accepted only a) under court order, b) when all other alternative placements, including placement in the local juvenile detention center, have been considered and rejected, and c) after the jail provides the juvenile court with information regarding the conditions under which the youth shall be held in the adult jail and the jail's ability to comply with the juvenile specific standards, including paragraph (A)(12) of rule 5120:1-8-01, paragraph (B)(4) of rule 5120:1-8-02 and paragraph (K) of rule 5120:1-8-04 of the Administrative Code. Status offenders, i.e., runaways, curfew violators, etc. are prohibited from the facility. Every effort shall be made to ensure that juveniles are held in jails for the minimum amount of time necessary.

Comments: On the day of the inspection the area where the juvenile was held only had paper covering the window on their side of the door to prevent site to adults, this could be easily removed by the juvenile inmate at anytime. Jail officials need to make sure there is a way of permanently blocking site of the juvenile from inmate from adults during their incarceration.

5120:1-8-02 (B) (4) (Important) Each full service jail shall have written policies and procedures, and practices which evidence, compliance with the following standards: Juvenile and adult inmates are separated in a manner consistent with sections 2151.311 and 2152.26 of the Revised Code.

Comments: On the day of the inspection the area where the juvenile was held only had paper covering the window on their side of the door to prevent site to adults, This could be easily removed by the juvenile inmate at anytime. Jail officials need to make sure there is a way of permanently blocking site of the juvenile from inmate from adults during their incarceration.

5120:1-8-02 (D) (Important) Inmates, when placed in general population, shall be: D1): Assigned a bed. D2): Provided with a mattress, blanket, bed linens, and towels. D3): Provided with articles to maintain personal hygiene (toothbrush, toothpaste, feminine hygiene items and soap).

Comments: On the day of the inspection the jail was over BRC and holding inmates on boats and in booking. Jail officials should stay with in the BRC and make sure all inmates are assigned a bed .

5120:1-8-03 (A) Each full service jail shall maintain the following minimum standards in regard to security of the jail. (1) (Essential) An established security perimeter.

Comments: On the day of the inspection the sally port gate is broken and left open. Furthermore the jail continually leaves one of the two glass vestibule doors into booking open regularly. Jail officials need to make repairs as needed and make sure both vestibule are closed at all times when not in use.

5120:1-8-03 (A) Each full service jail shall maintain the following minimum standards in regard to security of the jail. (3) (Essential) A secure booking and release area.

Comments: On the day of the inspection the sally port gate is broken and left open. Furthermore the jail continually leaves one of the two glass vestibule doors into booking open regularly. Jail officials need to make repairs as needed and make sure both vestibule are closed at all times when not in use.

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, intercom systems are not in all housing cells. Jail officials should make sure

two-way communication system is available in all housing units.

5120:1-8-04 (A) (4) Full service jails shall provide inmates with sufficient space. The jail shall maintain documentation regarding square footage and maximum occupancy figures for all housing and holding areas, and shall comply with the following minimum requirements: Dayspace: (Important) Thirty-five square feet per number of occupants occupying the dayspace at one time. Minimum size of one hundred five square feet.

Comments: On the day of the inspection the jail population was 445, the jails BRC is 346. The jail should work to maintain inmate population within the BRC.

5120:1-8-04 (J) (Important) Natural light shall be provided in housing units, dorms, cells and/or dayspaces.

Comments: On the day of the inspection not all areas of the jail have access to natural lighting. The jail should work to provide natural light in all inmate occupied areas.

5120:1-8-04 (K) (Essential) Unadjudicated juvenile inmates shall be separated by sight and sound from adult inmates.

Comments: On the day of the inspection the area where the juvenile was held only had paper covering the window on the Juvenile side of the door to prevent site to adults, this can be easily removed by the juvenile inmate at anytime. The Jail needs to make provisions of permanently blocking site of juvenile inmate(s) from adults during their incarceration.

5120:1-8-10 (B) (Essential) Inmates shall be served a minimum of three meals daily at regularly scheduled intervals, not to exceed fourteen hours between meals. Inmates can be served a minimum of two meals daily at regularly scheduled intervals, not to exceed fourteen hours between meals, on weekends, state holidays and during emergencies.

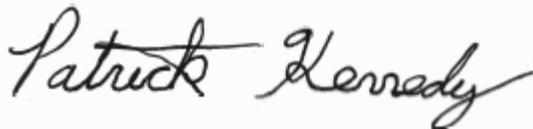
Comments: On the day of the inspection meal times are over 14 hours on logs provided furthermore the policy times allow for over 14 hours service. Jail officials need to make sure meal times are with in the 14 hours standards.

5120:1-8-10 (F) (Essential) All persons involved in the preparation of food shall receive a pre-assignment medical examination and annual re-examinations.

Comments: On the day of the inspection food service was unable to provide annual re-examinations dates to demonstrate compliance to the standard. Jail officials need to make sure all persons involved in food service are having pre-assignment medical examination and annual re-examination.

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](http://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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick Kennedy". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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