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Sheriff Keith Wood
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104 East Second Street
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RE: 2019 Annual Jail Inspection

Dear Sheriff Keith Wood:

In accordance with Section 5120.10 of the Ohio Revised Code and Executive Order 92-03 of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, the Meigs County Jail, a 12-day jail, was inspected on 06/10/2019. 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, Violations and Penalties, 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 Meigs County Jail is 5. On the date of the jail inspection, there were 3 inmates incarcerated in the Meigs County Jail. The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction recommended housing capacity for the jail is 5, which is based upon total available living space and other requirements. Officials should maintain prisoner counts within the Department's recommended capacity figure .

The Meigs County Jail (12-Day Jail) is in compliance with 91 standards, 44 "Essential", and 47 "Important".

5120:1-10-01 (A)(1); -01 (A)(2); -01 (A)(4); -01 (A)(5); -01 (A)(7); -01 (A)(9); -01 (A)(12); -01 (A)(13); -02 (B)(3); -02 (B)(4); -02 (B)(5); -02 (C); -03 (A)(2); -03 (A)(3); -03 (A)(4); -03 (A)(5); -03 (B)(2); -03 (B)(3); -03 (B)(4); -03 (B)(5); -03 (B)(6); -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); -04 (B); -04 (E); -04 (F); -04 (H); -04 (J); -05 (A); -05 (B); -05 (C); -05 (D); -05 (E); -05 (H); -05 (I); -05 (J); -05 (K); -05 (L); -05 (N); -05 (O); -06 (B); -06 (G); -07 (A); -07 (C); -07 (E); -07 (H); -07 (I); -09 (A); -09 (D); -09 (E); -09 (F); -09 (H); -09 (I); -09 (J); -09 (L); -09 (M); -09 (N); -09 (O); -09 (P); -09 (R); -09 (T); -09 (U); -09 (V); -09 (W); -09 (X); -10 (A); -10 (B); -10 (C); -10 (D); -10 (E); -10 (G)(1); -10 (G)(2); -11 (A); -11 (D); -12 (B); -12 (C); -12 (F); -12 (H); -15 (A); -16 (B); -17 (D); -17 (E); -17 (G);

The Meigs County Jail did not comply with 16 standards, 9 "Essential", and 7 "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.

5120:1-10-02 (B) Each twelve-day facility shall have written policies, procedures, and practices which complies with the following standards:

(2) (Important) Violent and non-violent inmates are not placed in the same cell or unsupervised areas together.

Comments: Due to the age and layout, the jail is not able to properly separate violent and non violent inmates as the facility is operating under a modified dormitory status and dependent on other facilities to take such classifications that don't always occur. On the date of the inspection, it was discussed with the Jail Administrator that these classifications had and are not separated in a manner to evidence compliance with this standard.

5120:1-10-03 (A) Each twelve-day facility shall maintain the following standards in regard to the security of the jail.
(1) (Essential) An established security perimeter.

Comments: Due to the age and layout of the existing facility, the facility does not provide an established security perimeter required under the Standards for Jails in Ohio.

5120:1-10-03 (A) Each twelve-day facility shall maintain the following standards in regard to the security of the jail.
(6) (Essential) Equipment necessary to maintain utilities, communications, security and fire protection in an emergency. Documentation supports that such equipment is tested quarterly and repaired or replaced as needed.

Comments: At the time of inspection, Jail Administration advised this inspector that the facility's emergency power source (generator) was currently non-operable. Jail and County Officials should take immediate notice to this report and take immediate action to remedy this issue of non-compliance.

5120:1-10-03 (B) Each twelve-day jail shall have written policies and procedures, and practices which evidence that the following standards are maintained.

(7) (Essential) Personal observation checks of inmates shall be conducted at least once every sixty minutes. Observation checks shall be conducted at varying times and shall be documented after completion by the staff person performing the check.

Comments: At the time of inspection, it was observed while reviewing daily logs in the Interslam system with the dispatcher that personal observation checks were not being conducted within 60 minutes as required by this Ohio Jail Standard.

5120:1-10-04 (C) (Important) Single cells/rooms and multiple occupancy cells/rooms/dormitories shall have an air circulation of 15 cubic feet of outside or recirculated, filtered air per minute per occupant, or as required by the local jurisdiction. Documentation from a qualified source shall be maintained by the jail.

Comments: At the time of inspection, Jail Administration provided supporting documentation that did not evidence compliance for this standard.

5120:1-10-04 (G) (Important) Shower facilities at a minimum of one operable shower for every twelve occupants. Water temperatures shall be controlled thermostatically in a range from one-hundred and five to one-hundred and twenty degrees Fahrenheit.

Comments: At the time of the inspection, a temperature reading was taken on the shower which read below the requirement for the Ohio Jail Standard.

5120:1-10-05 (F) The jails shall maintain documentation that the following standards are met with regard to interior lighting:

(1) (Important) At least twenty foot-candles, measured thirty inches above the floor, in inmate reading areas.

Comments: At the time of inspection, random light meter readings were conducted which resulted in below level requirements for this standard.

5120:1-10-05 (F) The jails shall maintain documentation that the following standards are met with regard to interior lighting:

(2) (Important) At least fifteen foot-candles, measured thirty inches above the floor, in inmate accessible areas.

Comments: At the time of inspection, random light meter readings were conducted which resulted in below level requirements for this standard.

5120:1-10-05 (M) (Essential) Fire drills shall be conducted every three months on each shift.

Comments: At the time of inspection, Jail Administration provided supporting documentation that did not evidence compliance for this standard.

5120:1-10-09 (B) (Essential) Inmate pre-screen. Before acceptance into the 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 an electronic weapon, pepper spray or other less lethal use of force during arrest.

Comments: At the time of inspection, Jail Administration did not provide supporting documentation (i.e. jail staff health training verification) in order to evidence compliance for this standard.

5120:1-10-09 (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;
 - (a) 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.3

Comments: At the time of inspection, Jail Administration did not provide supporting documentation (i.e. all jail staff health training verification) in order to evidence compliance for this standard.

5120:1-10-09 (G) (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.

(1) Reviewed daily by qualified health care personnel and treatment or follow-up shall be provided as necessary.

Comments: At the time of inspection, Jail Administration did not provide supporting documentation (i.e. health trained staff verification) in order to evidence compliance for this standard.

5120:1-10-09 (K) (Essential) Mental health services. Inmates evidencing signs of mental illness or developmental disability shall be referred immediately to qualified mental health personnel. The health authority shall develop policies for the following areas:

- (1) Screening for mental health problems.
- (2) Referral to outpatient services, including psychiatric care.
- (3) Crisis intervention and management of acute psychiatric episodes.
- (4) Stabilization of inmates with mental illness and prevention of psychiatric deterioration in the jail.
- (5) Referral and admission to inpatient facilities.
- (6) Informed consent.

Comments: At the time of inspection, the jails current policy and procedures need updated to reflect this standard and components specified.

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

Comments: At the time of inspection, Jail Administration did not provide all supporting documentation (i.e. pre-assignment and annual re-examinations) in order to evidence compliance for this standard.

5120:1-10-18 (B) (Important) Correctional officers or staff with routine contact and who are not currently appointed as a peace officer, shall receive training as follows:

- (1) Training in jail policies and procedures prior to or in within 60 days of assignment to jail duties.
- (2) During the first year of assignment, they shall receive the jailer basic training consistent with section 109:2- 11 of the Administrative Code.
- (3) Eight hours of in-service training each subsequent year of employment addressing specific job assignments and/or jail related issues. These training hours are in addition to training mandated by other standards.

Comments: At the time of inspection, Jail Administration did not provide all supporting documentation (i.e. training verification/logs/certifications for staff with routine contact) in order to evidence compliance for this standard.

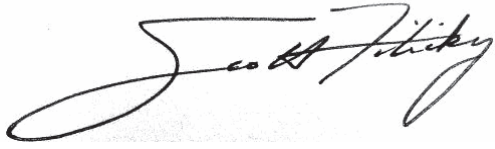
5120:1-10-18 (D) (Important) Administrators and supervisors shall receive training in addition to the training specified in paragraphs (B) or (C) of this rule as follows:

- (1) Training in jail policies and procedures prior to or in conjunction with assignment to jail duties .
- (2) During the first year of assignment, an additional forty hours of training above (B) or (C) in this standard, which may include 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: At the time of inspection, Jail Administration did not provide supporting documentation in order to evidence compliance for this standard.

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.

Sincerely,



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