



Department of
Rehabilitation & Correction

Mike DeWine, Governor
Annette Chambers-Smith, Director

09/13/2019

Sheriff Charles Black
Monroe County Correctional Facility
47129 Moore Ridge Road
Woodsfield, OH 43793

RE: 2019 Annual Jail Inspection

Dear Sheriff Charles Black:

In accordance with Section 5120.10 of the Ohio Revised Code and Executive Order 92-03 of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, the Monroe County Correctional Facility, a full service jail, was inspected on 07/22/2019. 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 Monroe County Correctional Facility is 114. On the date of the jail inspection, there were 109 inmates incarcerated in the Monroe County Correctional Facility. The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction recommended housing capacity for the jail is 114, which is based upon total available living space and other requirements. Officials should maintain prisoner counts within the Department's recommended capacity figure.

The Monroe County Correctional Facility (Full Service Jail) is in compliance with 108 standards, 53 "Essential", and 55 "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)(4); -02 (D); -03 (A)(1); -03 (A)(2); -03 (A)(3); -03 (A)(4); -03 (A)(5); -03 (A)(6); -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 (C); -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 (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 (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 (B); -10 (C); -10 (D); -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); -15 (D); -15 (E); -16 (A); -17 (D); -17 (E); -17 (F); -17 (G); -18 (B);

The Monroe County Correctional Facility did not comply with 8 standards, 1 "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.

5120:1-8-02 (B) (2) (Important) Each full service jail shall have written policies and procedures, and practices which evidence, compliance with the following standards: Violent and non-violent inmates are not placed in the same cell or unsupervised areas together.

Comments: At the time of inspection, jail administration advised the Bureau that due to overcrowding issues the jail is not able to properly house inmates according to their classification(s). Although they try to accommodate classifications, they are not able to adhere to all components specified in standard.

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: At the time of inspection, it was observed that several areas due to overcrowding had exceeded inmate occupied dayspace requirement and does not meet the intent of the standard.

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: At the time of inspection, due to overcrowding in several inmate occupied areas (A-Pod, E-Pod), the seating requirement does not meet the intent.

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: At the time of inspection, the jail was having technical difficulties with their computer program and

consequently lost the medical disposition section of the software.

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

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

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

5120:1-8-18 (E) (Important) The jail policies and procedures shall be available to jail staff, reviewed annually and updated by the sheriff, jail administrator, or designee, as needed.

Comments: At the time of inspection, Jail Administration did not provide supporting documentation (i.e. annual policy review) 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,



David Hicks, State Jail Inspector
Bureau of Adult Detention
1005 E. State St
Athens, Ohio 45701
Phone: (740) 593-3361
Email: david.hicks@odrc.state.oh.us