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Warden Joshua VanBibber
Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail
16677 Riverside Drive
Nelsonville, OH 45764

RE: 2019 Annual Jail Inspection

Dear Warden Joshua VanBibber:

In accordance with Section 5120.10 of the Ohio Revised Code and Executive Order 92-03 of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, the Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail, a full service jail, was inspected on 09/18/2019. 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 Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail is 230. On the date of the jail inspection, there were 228 inmates incarcerated in the Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail. The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction recommended housing capacity for the jail is 218, which is based upon total available living space and other requirements. Officials should maintain prisoner counts within the Department's recommended capacity figure.

The Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail (Full Service Jail) is in compliance with 112 standards, 54 "Essential", and 58 "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)(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 (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 (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 (A); -18 (B); -18 (C); -18 (D); -18 (E);

The Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail did not comply with 5 standards, 0 "Essential", and 5 "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, due to overcrowding in the female units 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.

5120:1-8-03 (B) Each full service jail shall have written policies and procedures, and practices which evidence, that the following minimum standards are maintained. (16) (Important) Keys, tools and culinary equipment are inventoried and use is controlled.

Comments: At the time of inspection, in the food service area of the facility the Aramark worker was passing out tools without signing them in and out. The doors that could secure these tools were left open with no staff personnel around.

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, the female dormitory lacked the minimum square footage requirements for the number of inmates present.

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 current capacity for female inmates the jail does not provide sufficient seating for the inmates in POD's A and B. In POD's G and H there was not enough seating for the amount of inmates being housed.

5120:1-8-05 (D) (Important) Regular maintenance and repairs shall occur.

Comments: At the time of Inspection, several areas of the facility showed signs of disrepair. During the walk-through it was noticed that some electrical outlets in PODS G and H were either painted over or burnt, and the lavatory in the minimum male pod was in disrepair. Additionally, there was a broken light in one cell that the males were living in as well as a lot of graffiti on the walls throughout the facility.

The Southeastern Ohio Regional Jail is in compliance with 100% of the Essential Standards and at least 90% of the Important Standards meeting the requirements of a "Compliant Jail". It should be noted however; the jail did not comply with 5 of the Important Standards upon which the facility was inspected. This letter is intended to serve as a basis for developing plans of action for bringing the facility back into compliance with the remaining deficiencies noted during the inspection.

The Bureau of Adult Detention encourages the jail to correct the remaining deficiencies noted in the inspection report prior to the next annual jail inspection. Plan of Action forms are enclosed and can be submitted through the Ohio Jail Management System (OHJMS) at www.OHJMS.Intelligrants.com. 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 and to provide reference materials or assistance as desired.

Sincerely,



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