



Department of
Rehabilitation & Correction

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Sheriff Marty Donini
Scioto County Correction Center
1025 16th Street
Portsmouth, OH 45662

RE: 2019 Annual Jail Inspection

Dear Sheriff Marty Donini:

In accordance with Section 5120.10 of the Ohio Revised Code and Executive Order 92-03 of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, the Scioto County Correction Center, a full service jail, was inspected on 10/31/2019. 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 Scioto County Correction Center is 190. On the date of the jail inspection, there were 194 inmates incarcerated in the Scioto County Correction Center. The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction recommended housing capacity for the jail is 190, which is based upon total available living space and other requirements. Officials should maintain prisoner counts within the Department's recommended capacity figure.

The Scioto County Correction Center (Full Service Jail) is in compliance with 102 standards, 50 "Essential", and 52 "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)(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)(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 (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 (C); -06 (F); -06 (G); -07 (A); -07 (D); -07 (E); -07 (H); -07 (I); -09 (A); -09 (B); -09 (C); -09 (E); -09 (F); -09 (G); -09 (H); -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 (D); -10 (E); -10 (F); -10 (G)(1); -10 (G)(2); -11 (A); -11 (B); -11 (E); -12 (B); -12 (C); -15 (B); -15 (D); -15 (E); -16 (A); -17 (D); -17 (E); -17 (F); -18 (A); -18 (B); -18 (C); -18 (D); -18 (E);

The Scioto County Correction Center did not comply with 13 standards, 2 "Essential", and 11 "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 the due to overcrowding issues within the jail, the jail is not able to properly house female inmates according to their classification(s). Although they try to accommodate classifications, they are not able to adhere to all components specified in the 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. (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: At the time of inspection, supporting documentation provided by Jail Administration did not indicate all components specified for this 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, due to the population exceeding the BRC the jail is not meeting the square footage requirements for this standard due to capacity levels.

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 the jail exceeding the BRC the jail does not provide sufficient seating for inmates.

5120:1-8-04 (F) (Important) Toilet facilities at a minimum of one operable toilet for every twelve occupants.

Comments: At the time of inspection, the jail was not in compliance with the ratio of inmates to toilets. There shall be a written approval or documentation of appropriate codes if the ratio is different from 12 inmates per operable toilet.

5120:1-8-04 (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 five to one hundred twenty degrees Fahrenheit.

Comments: At the time of inspection, the jail was not in compliance with the ratio of inmates to showers. There shall be a written approval or documentation of appropriate codes if the ratio is different from 12 inmates per shower.

5120:1-8-04 (H) (Important) One operable wash basin with hot and cold potable water for every twelve occupants.

Comments: At the time of inspection, the jail was not in compliance with the ratio of inmates to wash basins. There shall be a written approval or documentation of appropriate codes if the ratio is different from 12 inmates per wash basin.

5120:1-8-06 (B) (Important) Incoming and outgoing inmate mail, correspondence and packages shall be opened and inspected to intercept contraband or non permitted items. The jail shall document procedures for the appropriate disposition of intercepted items.

Comments: The jails current policy, procedures and practices need updated to reflect standard and components

specified.

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 inspection it was discovered that Jail Official's do not administer tuberculous tests on inmates that are being admitted to the jail. Jail Official's should start administering tuberculous tests to inmate that are admitted to the jail to meet the intent of the standard.

5120:1-8-12 (F) (Important) Pre-disciplinary hearing requirements shall include, at minimum a written incident report, an inmate's opportunity to waive in writing the disciplinary hearing, an investigation that commences within twenty-four hours of the incident to determine whether sufficient evidence exists to support the charge , and written notification to the inmate of the nature and date of the violation within twenty-four hours of the alleged violation(s) or discovery of the alleged violation(s).

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

5120:1-8-12 (G) (Important) The inmate shall have a minimum period of twenty-four hours after receiving written notification of the rule violation(s) to prepare for the disciplinary hearing. The inmate may waive the twenty-four hour period. The inmate is given a hearing within forty-eight hours excluding holidays, weekends, and emergencies after receiving the written notification if placed in isolation or within three business days if the inmate is not placed in isolation. Postponement of the hearing may be granted.

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

5120:1-8-12 (H) (Important) Disciplinary hearing requirements shall include an impartial hearing officer appointed by the jail administrator or designee, the inmate's opportunity to be heard, present evidence and question witnesses subject to limitations imposed by the hearing officer, the hearing officer shall state the reasons for any limitations in writing , a written statement by the hearing officer of the facts relied upon and reasons for the imposition of any penalties shall be provided to the inmate and a copy placed in the inmate's file, and selection by the jail administrator or designee of a staff person to assist an inmate when the inmate is unable to effectively communicate .

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

5120:1-8-17 (G) (Important) A written code of ethics shall be provided to jail staff.

Comments: At the time of inspection, Jail Administration provided supporting documentation that did not 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Landrum', is positioned above a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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