

# Facility Inspection Report

## Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: Feb. 28, 2024

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Members present:

Members absent:

Others present:

Sharon Hannum, Bob Ramsey

Keith McCord

Deputy Ryan Palonis

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Population: total: 321

Males: 269

Females: 52

Public Lobby: Clean

Hallways: Clean

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**Intake:** General area – Housekeeping is good, Offices clean, Primary Bathroom, clean; Both showers have what appears to be mold/mildew/grime on the floor and corners, soap wrappers and other debris in the shower stalls, commode dirty. **\*See notes below regarding safety issues pertaining to showers.**

Cell#1 – Empty and not yet cleaned. Cell #2 – Occupied, has trash on the floor and the floor needs to be mopped. Cell #3 – Occupied, trash is on the floor, walls and door needs to be cleaned. Cell #4- Occupied, floor needs to be mopped, door needs to be clean and commode area needs cleaning. Cell #5 (Sallyport and pre-processing) The car wash area is clean, supplies organized and stored. No vehicles are being washed at the time of this visit. Cell #6 Empty, has been cleaned but one light bulb is out and needs to be replaced. Cell #7 – Supply Area for Car Wash Crew, clean and organized. The Fingerprint area, floor needs to be swept and mopped. The rubber floor mat needs to be removed and cleaned, then put back. Cell# 8- Empty, has not been cleaned yet. Walls and floors need to be cleaned before being used. Found a whole sandwich in the toilet. Cell #9 – Occupied. Inmate was in restraints pending a mental evaluation. Cell needs a general cleaning. Cell #10 – has been converted into a virtual courtroom (not in use during this visit) and is in good condition except the floor. Cell #11 – Serves a dual purpose as Lawyer/Client Interview Room and virtual courtroom. It is not in use at the time of this visit and is clean.

**\*ONGOING ISSUES: Showers in intake have very rough concrete flooring and are in varying degrees of deterioration. Both showers pose the opportunity for potential personal injury, such as trip/fall hazard, cuts/abrasions to feet and other extremities. \*One shower stall allows water outside of the stall leaving wet puddles that is a slip/fall hazard. The second shower has a very rough concrete bottom.**

Medical: Exam #1 – Sink and counter needs to be cleaned and the floor needs to be swept and mopped. The room is not in use at the time of inspection. Exam #2 – Is now used as a supply room. Counter and sink area is cluttered, floor is dirty and needs to be cleaned. Pharmacy- Organized, but this floor needs to be mopped and cleaned as well. M-2 – This is the decontamination area; Floor has food that has been shoved back through the pie hole on the floor, walls have splatter from thrown food, door needs to be thoroughly cleaned and sanitized including the pie hole. M-3. Occupied and needs to be cleaned and sanitized. Food and trash is thrown on the floor. Unidentified substance smeared on the window of the door. M-4, Occupied, walls have traces of dried food/coffee on the floor the walls. Commode area needs to be cleaned as well. M-5 is occupied and needs a general cleaning of walls, floor and door. M-6 – Occupied (inmate is on an oxygen concentrator, liquid thickener and uses a wheelchair) cell is clean. M-7 is occupied and clean. The floor tile is broken in several places and needs to be replaced as soon as can be arranged. M-8 This cell is occupied and is in need of general cleaning, ceiling light cover needs to be cleaned or replaced. M-9 is occupied and is in need of general cleaning. M-10–Is occupied floor, ceiling

light covers need to be cleaned or replaced. Hallway floors need to be cleaned and trash cans need to be emptied. The shower is not in use but needs a general cleaning. The last patient to use the shower left soap wrappers on the floor. The nurse's offices were not inspected.

**NOTE: \*\*Medical is much colder than other areas of the facility and damp. Patients need to have additional blankets to help them stay warm.**

**Inmate Rhonda Robinson reported that she has been in jail for 1 year and her time for parole violation has been flattened since November and her court date has been reset 5 times.**

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Kitchen: Food storage area – needs additional shelving space. Cleaning was just beginning. No issues noted during this visit and no complaints or needs were registered. **\*Exhaust hood over the stove needs to have the dry sprinkler system replaced.**

Laundry: Clean- No laundry being done during this visit. Area is clean and organized.

Library: Orderly (it is a shared space with equipment storage). Could use a dedicated space.

C-Pod: No evidence of water intrusion at this time. **\*Mold / Mildew has improved considerably. Air circulation is much improved and there is no new evidence of roof leaks.**

**Dinner delivery was in progress.**

Staff Offices are clean and organized.

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C-1 Clean (Female Pod) \_\_\_\_\_

C-2 Clean (Female Pod) \_\_\_\_\_

C-3 Trash swept to corners, not picked up \_\_\_\_\_

C-4 Clean, floors need to be mopped \_\_\_\_\_

C-5 Clean \_\_\_\_\_

C-6 Clean \_\_\_\_\_

C-7 – Clean.

C-16 Stockroom – This is where Pod Workers change. Area is a bit messy, dirty uniforms, shoes, etc. are in the floor and not bagged to be laundered.

Outside Recreation Yard – Drains appear to be open, (some graffiti on the walls won't wash off). Water to the outside commode has been turned off to prevent water lines from freezing. \*\*

Multipurpose Room: Empty, carpet needs to be vacuumed and tables need to be cleaned.

C-Pod Hallways –Clean. Dinner delivery in progress.\*

**NOTES: No Inmate Complaints registered during this visit.**

**\*OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
C-1	22	32	Female Maximum	68.75%
C-2	21	32	Female Minimum	75.00%
C-3	12	16	Male Minimum	56.25%
C-4	20	24	Male Workers	83.33%
C-5	10	24	Male Minimum	41.67%

C-6	23	24	Special Maximum	95.83%
C-7	5	6	Isolation Maximum	83.33%
<b>Total</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>158</b>		<b>71.52%</b>

D-Pod: Hallway is clean. Meal delivery is in progress.

The Recovery Classroom is not in use at the time of this visit but is clean and orderly.

D-1 Floors, tables & shower need to be cleaned\_\_\_\_ D-2 Clean, except air vents\_\_\_\_\_

D-3 Clean, cells need general cleaning\_\_\_\_\_ D-4 Trash on floor, shower needs cleaning

D-5 Floor, doors, pie holes, wet paper on air vent D-6 Clean \_\_\_\_\_

D-7 (Multi-purpose room) Being used for virtual court proceedings. It is clean and not in use at the time of this visit. \*Could use some sound panels to help minimize echoing.

Recreation Yard: Drains are open and clean, some graffiti on the walls. Outside commodes has water turned off to prevent water lines from freezing.

**NOTES:**

**Inmate Ward complained of mold in his cell (which appears to be dirt collection where the floor meets the wall and in all four corners.**

**\*The Wi-Fi connectivity continues to be an issue for D-6.**

**D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
D-1	26	32	Min/Medium	81.25%
D-2	32	32	Medium	100.00%
D-3	35	32	Medium	109.38%
D-4	40	32	Med/Maximum	125.00%
D-5	24	32	Maximum	75.00%
D-6	20	32	Maximum	62.50%
<b>Total</b>	<b>177</b>	<b>192</b>		<b>92.19%</b>

**Total Inmates in Pods 177                      Total Capacity in Pods 350                      82.86%**

**OTHER LOCATIONS**

	Male	Female	Total
Intake	10	4	14
Medical	12	5	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>31</b>

TYPE	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Federal Inmates	62	6	68	19.43%	21.18%
TDOC	32	6	38	10.86%	11.84%

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<b>Inmate Population Logistics</b>	<b>Females</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Total</b>
Pre-Trial Misdemeanants	14	49	63
Pre-Trial Felons	20	106	126
Sentenced Misdemeanants	0	6	6
Sentenced Felons	3	6	9
State Department of Corrections	6	32	38
Federal Inmates	6	62	68
House Other Agency	3	8	11
No Booking Type	0	0	0
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>321</b>

**Security Class**

<b>Minimum</b>	<b>72</b>
<b>Medium</b>	<b>199</b>
<b>Maximum</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>321</b>

	<b>Present</b>	<b>Capacity</b>	<b>%Full</b>
Females:	52	64	81.25%
Males:	269	286	94.06%

**Total: 321**

**Sex Offenders**

	<b>Females</b>	<b>Males</b>	<b>Total</b>
	1	28	29
<b>Total:</b>			