

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: May 1, 2024

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Members present:

Sharon Hannum, Keith McCord

Members absent:

Bob Ramsey

Others present:

Deputy Ryan Palonis

Population: total: 357

Males: 290

Females: 67

Public Lobby: Clean

Hallways: Clean

Intake: General area – Housekeeping is good, Offices clean, Primary (officers) Bathroom, clean; Both showers have soap wrappers and other debris on the floor. ***See notes below regarding safety issues pertaining to showers.**

Cell#1 – Occupied, has trash on the floor and paper stuck to air vents. Cell #2 – Empty, and not yet cleaned. Cell #3 – Empty and clean, the floor drain is partially stopped up and needs to be cleaned out. Cell #4- Occupied, trash is on the floor and the commode needs to be cleaned. 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 Occupied, and clean. Cell #7 – Supply Area for Car Wash Crew, clean and organized. The Fingerprint area, ceiling tiles need to be replaced, there is trash on the floor and the sink and counter needs to be cleaned. Cell# 8- Occupied, and is clean. Cell #9 – Empty and not yet cleaned. Cell #10 – has been converted into a virtual courtroom (not in use during this visit) and is in good condition except the floor needs to be mopped. 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 – Not in use at the time of this visit but the floor, sink and counter top needs to be cleaned. Exam #2 – Is now used as a supply room. It is clean except the floor needs to be mopped.

Pharmacy: Organized, but the floor needs to be mopped and cleaned.

M-2 – This is the decontamination area; Floor is dirty, needs to be swept and mopped and the door needs to be cleaned.

M-3 - Occupied and needs to be cleaned and sanitized. The floor, walls, door and pie hole needs to be cleaned both inside and outside.

M-4 - Occupied, Inmates need clean sheets, but the cell is clean.

M-5 – Occupied, but inmate is on suicide watch. He is restrained and the black out curtain is up, did not inspect. The new sink and commode installation is complete.

M-6 –Occupied, and is clean. The new sink and commode installation is complete.

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 clean except there is trash on the floor. It needs to be swept and mopped.

M-9 is occupied and is in good condition.

M-10–Is occupied and in good condition. The light cover needs 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 general cleaning. The last patient to use the shower left soap wrappers on the floor and soap scum is on the walls. The nurse’s main office is clean.

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

Kitchen: Food storage area – needs additional shelving space. Cleaning was in progress. 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. One of the washers is leaking and waiting for parts for repair. 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.

C-1 Clean (Female Pod)

C-2 Clean (Female Pod)

C-3 Clean

C-4 Clean, (Pod Workers)

C-5 Clean

C-6 Filthy, the inmate has mental issues and has urinated in on the floor and door of his cell. Trash, paper and other debris is throughout the cell.

C-7 Needs to be cleaned. Inmate in the next door cell has mental issues and is urinating on the door of his cell and it comes under the door of this cell. The inmate next door has mental issues and his unsanitary behavior is causing issues for the inmates on either side of him. The odor is horrible and affects the whole isolation block. And the common shower needs to be cleaned as well.

C-16 **Stockroom:** This is where Pod Workers change. Area lots of work boots in a pile and the floor needs to be swept and mopped. Dirty uniforms not yet taken to the laundry. The room smells.

Outside Recreation Yard: Drains appear to be open, there is no standing water issues. (some graffiti on the walls won’t wash off).

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

C-Pod Hallways: Clean. Dinner delivery in progress.*

Laundry Room: The space behind the row of washers is cluttered and dirty. Needs to be cleaned.

NOTES: The inmate in C-7 complained of the behavior the inmate housed next door to him. Details are above.

***OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
C-1	19	32	Female Maximum	59.38%
C-2	43	32	Female Minimum	134.38%
C-3	9	16	Male Minimum	56.25%
C-4	26	24	Male Workers	108.33%
C-5	13	24	Male Minimum	54.17%
C-6	21	24	Special Maximum	87.50%
C-7	7	6	Isolation Maximum	116.67%
Total	138	158		87.34%

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

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

D-1 Clean _____	D-2 <u>Trash and hair (cut day) on floor & tables need to be cleaned</u>
D-3 Clean, except the floor _____	D-4 <u>Clean, except shower needs cleaning</u>
D-5 Clean, dinner is being served _____	D-6 Clean, except shower needs cleaning

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.

NOTES:

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

D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
D-1	40	32	Min/Medium	125.00%
D-2	38	32	Medium	118.75%
D-3	29	32	Medium	90.63%
D-4	34	32	Med/Maximum	106.25%
D-5	29	32	Maximum	90.63%
D-6	24	32	Maximum	75.00%
Total	194	192		101.04%

Total Inmates in Pods: 322 Total Capacity in Pods 350 94.86%

OTHER LOCATIONS

	Male	Female	Total
Intake	7	1	8
Medical	14	4	18
Total	21	5	26

TYPE	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Federal Inmates	56	8	64	18.29%	17.88%
TDOC	31	8	39	11.14%	10.89%

Inmate Population Logistics

	Females	Males	Total
Pre-Trial Misdemeanants	23	66	89
Pre-Trial Felons	23	112	135
Sentenced Misdemeanants	2	6	8
Sentenced Felons	1	6	7
State Department of Corrections	8	31	39
Federal Inmates	7	60	67
House Other Agency	2	13	15
No Booking Type	0	0	0
TOTALS	<u>67</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>357</u>

Security Class

Minimum	86
Medium	219
Maximum	42
Unclassified	10
Total	<u>357</u>

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>%Full</u>
Females:	67	64	104.69%
Males:	290	286	101.40%

Total: 348

Sex Offenders

	Females	Males
	2	33
Total:	35	