

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: August 17, 2023
Time: 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Sharon Hannum, Keith McCord, Bob Ramsey
Members absent:
Others present: Officer Ryan Palonis

Population: total: 337 Males: 283 Females: 54

Public Lobby: Clean

Hallways: Clean

Intake: General area – Housekeeping is good and the offices are clean, Primary Bathroom, clean; Shower area – housekeeping is poor. Shower curtains are dirty and need to be cleaned or replaced, shower has soap wrappers on the floor, the bottom of the floor has black substance on the floor. *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 (unfinished) concrete bottom. *See notes below. Cell #1 – Occupied and dirty. Paper and trash on the floor, air vents and light fixture covered with wet toilet paper, floor needs to be mopped. Cell #2 – Occupied and is clean. Cell #3 – Occupied and is clean. Cell #4- Occupied and dirty. Trash on the floor, commode dirty, water around the commode, floor needs to be swept and mopped. Light fixture covered with toilet paper. Cell #5 (Sallyport and pre-processing) Sallyport clean, once car is being washed. Cell #6 – Occupied and dirty. Cell needs to have floor cleaned, commode needs to be cleaned and the air vent cleaned (toilet paper). Cell #7 – Supply Area for Car Wash Crew, is clean and organized. Fingerprint area is clean and organized. Cell #8- Occupied and in need of general cleaning. Cell #9 – Occupied and clean. Cell #10 – has been converted into a virtual courtroom (not in use during this visit) is clean. Cell #11 – has a dual purpose as Lawyer/Client Interview Room and virtual courtroom. Not in use at the time of this visit and is clean.

***ONGOING ISSUE: Showers in intake have concrete floors and are in varying degrees of deterioration. Both showers pose the opportunity for potential personal injury, such as trip/fall, cuts/abrasions to feet and other extremities.**

Medical: Exam #1 – Empty and is clean. Exam #2 – Is now used as a supply room. Floor is dirty and needs to be cleaned. M-2 – This is the decontamination area and is in need of cleaning. Trash, and food is on the floor (thrown through the pie hole of M-3. Area needs to be cleaned and sanitized. M3 – Occupied (inmate has mental issues and is ranting, raving and throwing things. M-4, Black blanket over window, can't tell the condition of the cell, but it is occupied by another mental patient. M-5 is also occupied blacked out and is occupied by a mental patient. M-6 – is occupied and in good condition. M-7 is empty and has tissue paper on ceiling air vents, floor tile is broken in several places and needs to be replaced as soon as can be arranged and cell stands in need thorough cleaning and painting. Vinyl wall trim is badly deteriorated. M-8 This cell is occupied and is clean. M-9 is occupied and is clean. M-10 – Is occupied and is clean except for ceiling air vents and light covers. Hallway floors need to be cleaned and trash cans have not yet been emptied. Shower was recently used and needs to be cleaned before next patient uses it. Nurse's offices were empty and locked, did not inspect them.

NOTE: Medical is much colder than other areas of the facility and patients may need to be supplied with additional blankets or heat/air adjusted to correct the issue before it causes an air flow issue with the rest of the system in the building.

Kitchen: Food storage area – needs additional shelving space to prevent boxes of food from being stored on the floor. Kitchen crew is in the process of cleaning for the night. No water leaks were observed during this visit and no inmate complaints registered.

Laundry: Clean- No laundry is in progress during this visit. Area is clean and organized.

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

C-Pod: *West wall in C-5 has been patched. Outside of building has been water sealed. No evidence of water intrusion at this time. ***Mold / Mildew has improved considerably. Air circulation is much improved and there is no evidence of roof leaks.**

Dinner delivery was in progress.

Offices for Lieutenant and Corporal are clean and organized

C-1 Clean_(Female Pod)_____	C-2 Clean (Female Pod)_____
C-3 Clean_____	C-4 Clean_____
C-5 Clean_____	C-6 Clean_____
C-7 – <u>Food trays need to be removed, toilet paper on light fixture, but otherwise clean.</u>	

C16 Stockroom – Clothes need to be collected for laundry and floor needs to be swept.

Outside Recreation Yard – Clean and drains appear to be open, some graffiti on the walls.

Multipurpose Room: Empty and clean. Sound panels are needed.

C-Pod Hallways – Trash cans not yet emptied, but area was otherwise clean. Dinner delivery in progress.

NOTES: No Inmate Complaints during this visit.

***OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
C-1	13	32	Female Maximum	40.63%
C-2	31	32	Female Minimum	96.88%
C-3	11	16	Male Minimum	68.75%
C-4	14	24	Male Workers	58.33%
C-5	20	24	Male Minimum	83.33%
C-6	21	24	Special Maximum	87.50%
C-7	7	6	Isolation Maximum	116.67%
Total	117	158		74.05%

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

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

D-1 tables have trash on tables and chairs	D-2 Clean _____
D-3 Clean except floors need to be swept_	D-4 Floors need to be swept_____

D-5 Clean _____

D-6 – Ceiling tiles loose *internet connections/
Connectivity is still sketchy or nonexistent, floors
have trash on them.

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 take help with noise from echoes.

Recreation Yard: Area is primarily clean, drains appear to be open, there is some graffiti on the walls (written in soap). The commode is full of trash. There is also a sock stuffed with a roll of toilet paper inside the commode bowl. **

NOTES: No Inmate Complaints were registered during this visit. The air circulation is much improved, and showers continue to look much better. Dinner delivery was in process at the time of this visit.

*The Wi-Fi connectivity issues need to be boosted for D-6.

D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
D-1	41	32	Min/Medium	128.13%
D-2	41	32	Medium	128.13%
D-3	30	32	Medium	93.75%
D-4	27	32	Med/Maximum	84.38%
D-5	18	32	Maximum	56.25%
D-6	31	32	Maximum	96.88%
Total	188	192		97.92%

Total Inmates in Pods	305	Total Capacity 350	87.14%
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OTHER LOCATIONS

	Male	Female	Total
Intake	7	8	15
Medical	15	3	18
Total	22	11	33

TYPE	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Federal Inmates	39	1	49	14.00%	13.32%
TDOC	59	9	68	19.43%	20.12%

Inmate Population Logistics	Females	Males	Total
Pre-Trial Misdemeanants	19	46	65
Pre-Trial Felons	18	113	131
Sentenced Misdemeanants	7	22	29
Sentenced Felons	0	2	2
State Department of Corrections	9	59	68
Federal Inmates	1	39	40
House Other Agency	0	2	2
No Booking Type	0	0	0
TOTALS	54	283	337*

Security Class

Minimum	111
Medium	197
Maximum	23
Unclassified	6
Total	337*

	Present	Capacity	%Full
Females:	54	64	84.38%
Males:	283	286	98.95%
Total:	337		

Sex Offenders

	Females	Males	Total
	0	27	27
Total:			