

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: Oct. 19, 2023

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Members present:

Members absent:

Others present:

Sharon Hannum, Keith McCord

Bob Ramsey

Officer Ryan Palonis

Population: total: 324

Males: 260

Females: 64

Public Lobby: Clean

Hallways: Clean

Intake: General area – Housekeeping is good, Offices clean, Primary Bathroom, clean; Both showers are dirty, curtains are dirty, some type of black residue on the floors along with soap wrappers thrown around.

***See notes below regarding safety items.**

Cell#1 – Occupied: Paper stuck to light fixture covers. Cell #2 – No issues noted. Cell #3 – Empty and has not been cleaned. Cell #4- Occupied, tissue paper on light fixture covers. Cell #5 (Sallyport and pre-processing) Sallyport the car wash area is in use during this visit, but the garage is neat and organized. Cell #6 – Occupied, area is clean. Cell #7 – Supply Area for Car Wash Crew, clean and organized. The Fingerprint area is clean and organized. Cell# 8- Occupied and floor needs to be cleaned when inmate is discharged. Cell #9 – Empty and not yet cleaned. Cell #10 – has been converted into a virtual courtroom (not in use during this visit) is clean. Cell #11 – Serves 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 flooring 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. *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 sanitized and floor needs to be swept and mopped. Room is not in use at 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- Floor needs to be swept and mopped. M-2 – This is the decontamination area; it is littered with food shoved through the pie hole of M-3. Needs to be cleaned and sanitized. M3 – Occupied and needs to be cleaned and sanitized. M-4, Occupied, Cell needs tissue paper removed from vents and walls and ceiling have brown spots all over them. Looks as if coffee may have been thrown around the cell. M-5 is occupied and also has paper on air vents, and brown spots on walls and ceiling, sink is leaking. M-6 –Occupied and clean. M-7 is occupied and clean. Floor tile is broken in several places and needs to be replaced as soon as can be arranged and cell stands in need of painting. Vinyl wall trim is badly deteriorated. M-8 This cell is empty 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. The shower is not in use and needs to be cleaned. The 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. Kitchen crew is just beginning the daily clean up. still working at the time of this visit and cleanup 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. Area is clean and organized.

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

C-Pod: *West wall in C-5 has been patched. Outside of the 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 – Some trash and food trays are on the floor, but cell is otherwise clean.

C-16 Stockroom – Clean at the time of this visit.

Outside Recreation Yard – Drains appear to be open, (some graffiti on the walls won't wash off), trash in the outside commode. **

Multipurpose Room: Empty and clean.

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

NOTES: No Inmate Complaints registered during this visit.

***OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
C-1	17	32	Female Maximum	53.13%
C-2	29	32	Female Minimum	90.63%
C-3	10	16	Male Minimum	62.50%
C-4	22	24	Male Workers	91.67%
C-5	10	24	Male Minimum	41.67%
C-6	27	24	Special Maximum	112.50%
C-7	8	6	Isolation Maximum	133.33%
Total	123	158		77.85%

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 Clean except floors _____
 D-3 Clean _____
 D-5 Trash on floor and tissue on air vents

D-2 Clean except floors & dirty ceiling tiles
 D-4 Clean except floors
 D-6 Clean and empty for inspection of renovations and new door lock installation

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: Drains are open and clean, graffiti on the walls, commode has trash in it (plastic forks, spoons).

NOTES: No Inmate Complaints were registered during this visit.

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

D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
D-1	29	32	Min/Medium	90.63%
D-2	38	32	Medium	118.75%
D-3	38	32	Medium	118.75%
D-4	33	32	Med/Maximum	103.13%
D-5	35	32	Maximum	109.38%
D-6	0	32	Maximum	0.0%
Total	173	192		90.10%
Total Inmates in Pods	296	Total Capacity 350		84.57%

OTHER LOCATIONS

	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Intake	4	4	8		
Medical	13	7	20		
Total	17	11	28		
TYPE	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Federal Inmates	31	0	31	8.86%	9.57%
TDOC	46	8	54	15.43%	16.67%

Inmate Population Logistics

	Females	Males	Total
Pre-Trial Misdemeanants	29	51	80
Pre-Trial Felons	19	118	137
Sentenced Misdemeanants	0	9	9
Sentenced Felons	1	6	7
State Department of Corrections	8	46	54
Federal Inmates	0	31	31
House Other Agency	0	6	6
No Booking Type	0	0	0
TOTALS	57	267	324*

Security Class

Minimum	89
Medium	196
Maximum	32
Unclassified	7
Total	324*

	Present	Capacity	%Full
Females:	57	64	89.06%
Males:	267	286	93.36%
Total:	324		

Sex Offenders

	Females	Males	Total
	0	33	33
Total:	33		