

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: July 10, 2024
Time: 3:00 p.m.

Members present: Sharon Hannum, Keith McCord, Bob Ramsey
Members absent:

Others present: Deputy Ryan Palonis

Population: total: 330 Males: 286 Females: 44

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 – Occupied and in need of cleaning. Trash is on the floor, door needs to be cleaned and tissue paper is stuck to air vents. Cell #3 – Occupied and dirty. The floor drain is partially stopped up and needs to be cleaned out, trash and debris needs to be cleaned out and tissue paper is stuck to air vents. Cell #4- Occupied, and is in fair condition. There is trash on the floor around the commode and the floor needs to be mopped. 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 is empty, and clean. Cell #7 – Supply Area for Car Wash Crew, clean and organized. The Fingerprint area, stained ceiling tiles need to be replaced, the sink and counter needs to be cleaned. Cell# 8- Occupied, but could not inspect. The cell window was draped and the inmate is on suicide watch. Cell #9 – Empty and clean. Cell #10 – has been converted into a virtual courtroom (not in use during this visit) needs to be cleaned. Trash, tissue paper is strewn all over the floor. Also the commode and area around it needs to be cleaned. 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. This room is always dirty. Exam #2 – Is now used as a supply room. It also needs cleaning, especially floor and sink/counter area. The floor in both exam rooms need to be mopped and sanitized.

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 – Empty (inmate out for exercise), and needs to be cleaned and sanitized. The floor, walls, door and pie hole needs to be cleaned both inside and outside. Commode also needs to be cleaned & sanitized. Work had begun on the cleaning process.

M-4 - Occupied, Inmates need extra blanket, one inmate is on an oxygen concentrator. 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 but the new floor epoxy is coming off already.

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. There are four inmates in this cell, one in a wheelchair.

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. Area is clean and organized and leaks have been repaired.

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 In need of general cleaning.

C-7 Needs to be cleaned. Inmate has mental issues and does not exercise proper hygiene This causes the entire block to be affected by the foul odor and unclean condition of one cell.

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.

Outside Recreation Yard: Drains appear to be open, there is no standing water issues. The commode is completely stopped up with tissue paper and feces. (some graffiti is 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: Clean and organized. No water leaks are evident.

NOTES:

***OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
C-1	16	32	Female Maximum	50.00%
C-2	23	32	Female Minimum	71.88%
C-3	9	16	Male Minimum	56.25%
C-4	31	24	Male Workers	129.17%
C-5	35	24	Male Minimum	145.83%
C-6	17	24	Special Maximum	70.83%
C-7	6	6	Isolation Maximum	100.00%
Total	137	158		86.71%

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

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

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| D-1 <u>Clean</u> | D-2 <u>Common area is clean, some cells need attention</u> |
| D-3 <u>Clean, except the floor</u> | D-4 <u>Clean, some individual cells need to be cleaned</u> |
| D-5 <u>Clean, dinner is being served</u> | D-6 <u>Clean, except shower and floor needs cleaning</u> |

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, commode and surrounding area needs to be cleaned.

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

D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
D-1	30	32	Min/Medium	93.75%
D-2	47	32	Medium	146.88%
D-3	31	32	Medium	96.88%
D-4	38	32	Med/Maximum	118.75%
D-5	0	32	Maximum	00.00%
D-6	19	32	Maximum	59.38%
Total	165	192		85.94%

Total Inmates in Pods: 330 Total Capacity in Pods 350 85.94%

OTHER LOCATIONS

	Male	Female	Total
Intake	7	2	9
Medical	16	3	19
Total	23	5	28

TYPE	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Federal Inmates	53	4	57	16.29%	17.27%
TDOC	33	6	39	11.14%	11.82%

Inmate Population Logistics

	Females	Males	Total
Pre-Trial Misdemeanants	17	60	77
Pre-Trial Felons	13	112	125
Sentenced Misdemeanants	2	13	15
Sentenced Felons	2	12	14
State Department of Corrections	6	33	39
Federal Inmates	4	53	57
House Other Agency	0	3	3
No Booking Type	0	0	0
TOTALS	44	285	329

Security Class

Minimum	82
Medium	219
Maximum	24
Unclassified	5
Total	329

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>%Full</u>
Females:	44	64	68.75%
Males:	285	286	99.65%
		Total: 348	

Sex Offenders

	Females	Males
	1	34
Total:	35	