

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: August 9, 2024
Time: 3:00 p.m.

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

Others present: Deputy Ryan Palonis

Population: total: 367 Males: 306 Females: 61

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, cell is clean and no noticeable maintenance issues noted. Cell #2 – Occupied and floor is in need of cleaning, otherwise the cell has no noticeable issues. Cell #3 – Occupied and has no noticeable issues. Cell #4- Occupied, and has no noticeable issues. 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 occupied and floor is in need of cleaning. A puddle is on the floor, can't determine where it came from. Cell #7 – Supply Area for Car Wash Crew, needs attention. Not as organized as usual. The Fingerprint area, stained ceiling tiles need to be replaced, the sink, counter and floor needs to be cleaned. Cell# 8- Occupied, and in need of cleaning. Trash on the floor, unfinished food tray, tissue on the ceiling vent. Needs to be mopped and sanitized. Cell #9 – Occupied with no noticeable issues. Cell #10 – has been converted into a virtual courtroom (not in use during this visit) needs to be cleaned. Floor is dirty but is otherwise clean. 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 and is clean and organized. Exam #2 – Is now used as a supply room. It needs cleaning, especially floor and sink/counter area.

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 need to be cleaned both inside and outside. Commode also needs to be cleaned & sanitized.

M-4 - Occupied, Inmates need extra blanket, one inmate is on an oxygen concentrator. The cell is clean.

M-5 – Occupied, there are no noticeable issues. The new floor epoxy is coming off already.

M-6 –Occupied, and floor needs to be cleaned. The door and pie hole also need to be pressure washed and cleaned. 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 and window ledge.

M-9 is occupied and the air vent is dirty, needs to be cleaned and appears to be partially stopped up with dirt/dust. Air is not circulating very well in this cell. Inmates are in need of sheets and blankets in this cell.

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 continues to be cold and damp. Air circulation needs to be improved.

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.

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. One Inmate has mental issues and does not exercise proper hygiene. Odor is an Issue causing 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. Much improved.

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 or maintenance issues are evident.

NOTES:

***OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
C-1	21	32	Female Maximum	65.63%
C-2	30	32	Female Minimum	93.75%
C-3	8	16	Male Minimum	50.00%
C-4	24	24	Male Workers	100.00%
C-5	13	24	Male Minimum	54.17%
C-6	19	24	Special Maximum	79.17%
C-7	5	6	Isolation Maximum	83.33%
Total	120	158		75.95%

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.

D-1 Air vents have dirt/mold. Need to be inspected

D-2 Same air vent issues as in D-1

D-3 Same air vent issues as in D-1 and D-2

D-4 Air vent issues, shower dirty, and ants present

D-5 Air vent issues as in other cells

D-6 Air vent issues shower dirty

D-7 (Multi-purpose room) Being used for virtual court proceedings. Carpet needs to be vacuumed. 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, otherwise clean.

NOTES:

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

***Installation of new locks is being performed in D-5. No inmates are being housed in that unit until installation is complete.**

D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
D-1	40	32	Min/Medium	125.00%
D-2	49	32	Medium	153.13%
D-3	47	32	Medium	146.88%
D-4	45	32	Med/Maximum	140.63%
D-5	0	32	Maximum	00.00%
D-6	34	32	Maximum	106.25%
Total	215	192		111.98%

Total Inmates in Pods: 335

Total Capacity in Pods 350

95.71%

OTHER LOCATIONS

	Male	Female	Total
Intake	8	5	13
Medical	15	5	20
Total	23	10	33

TYPE	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Federal Inmates	52	5	57	16.29%	15.49%
TDOC	35	4	39	11.14%	10.60%

Inmate Population Logistics

	Females	Males	Total
Pre-Trial Misdemeanants	20	62	82
Pre-Trial Felons	25	133	158
Sentenced Misdemeanants	5	16	21
Sentenced Felons	2	6	8
State Department of Corrections	4	35	39
Federal Inmates	5	52	57
House Other Agency	0	3	3
No Booking Type	0	0	0
TOTALS	61	306	367

Security Class

Minimum	83
Medium	244
Maximum	35
Unclassified	6
Total	368

	<u>Present</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>%Full</u>
Females:	61	64	95.31%
Males:	306	286	106.99

Total: 367

Sex Offenders

	Females	Males
	2	36
Total:	38	