

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: Dec. 15, 2022 Members present: Sharon Hannum, Keith McCord, James Ferguson
Time: 4:00 p.m. Members absent: Keith McCord, James Ferguson
Others present: Officer Joe Dudley

Population: total: 355 Males: 351 Females: 64

Public Lobby: Clean

Hallways: Clean

Intake: General area – Housekeeping is good, Offices clean, Primary Bathroom, clean; Shower area is organized. 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. *See note below. Cell #1 – Occupied and is clean except tissue paper is covering the ceiling air vents. Cell #2 – Empty and is clean except for tissue paper on ceiling air vents. Cell #3 – Occupied and is clean. Cell #4- Occupied and is clean. Cell #5 (Sallyport and pre-processing) Sallyport clean, and the car wash area is empty and clean. Cell #6 – Empty and clean. Cell #7 – Supply Area for Car Wash Crew, supplies need to be organized and commode needs to be cleaned. Fingerprint area is clean and organized. Cell# 8- Occupied, tissue is covering the air vent but is otherwise clean. Cell #9 – Occupied and clean. Cell #10 – has been converted into a virtual courtroom is clean and not in use during this visit. 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.

*Large trash collection cans have not yet been emptied.

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

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 – Sink, counter and exam bed needs to be cleaned, floor is dirty entire area needs cleaning. Room is not in use at the time of this visit. M-2 – This is the decontamination area; it is free of clutter and trash, but floor, walls and door are in need of cleaning and sanitizing. It is not in use at the time of the visit. M3 – Occupied by a severely mentally ill inmate. Cell is dirty, walls, door and pie hole needs to be cleaned. Occupied (mental patient in distress). Food and trays have been thrown all over walls and the door. Patient is not stable enough to be restrained safely. Vents need to be cleaned of tissue paper, door needs to be cleaned inside and out, pie hole needs to be pressure washed and sanitized. This particular cell is very cold as well. M-4, Occupied (also a patient with mental distress). Cell needs some housekeeping, and ceiling air vents are covered with tissue paper. M-5 is empty and in the process of being cleaned. M-6 – Occupied, ceiling vents has tissue paper on it and floor needs to be cleaned. M-7 is occupied 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 of painting. Vinyl wall trim is badly deteriorated. M-8 This cell is occupied, and is clean. The inmate (Turner) reported needing a clean set of clothes which was reported to staff on duty and was provided before the team left the area. M-9 is occupied and has tissue paper on ceiling air vents but is otherwise 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 is not in use and clean. Nurse's offices were empty and locked, did not inspect them.

***All pie holes in Medical need to be pressure washed and sanitized.**

NOTE: Almost all ceiling air vents are covered with tissue paper. Medical is much colder than other areas of the facility and patients may 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.

Kitchen: Food storage area – needs additional shelving space. Kitchen crew as 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.

Laundry: Clean- No Laundry in progress during this visit. Washing machines and dryers have been replaced. Noted a minor drip in the utility sink and was reported.

Library: Orderly (it is a shared space with equipment storage)

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 _____	C-2 <u>Clean</u>
C-3 Clean _____	C-4 <u>Clean – Replace shower curtains with new ones</u>
C-5 Clean _____	C-6 <u>Clean – Lighting is good, all bulbs replaced</u>
C-7 – <u>Food trays need to be removed but otherwise clean</u>	

C16 Stockroom – Cracks in walls are getting worse. Thermocycling (outside air temperatures fluctuating) so area needs to stabilize before repairs begin.

Outside Recreation Yard – Did not inspect during this visit**

Multipurpose Room: Empty and clean.

C-Pod Hallways – Trash cans not yet emptied, but area was otherwise clean. Dinner being delivered

NOTES: No Inmate Complaints during this visit.

***Shower curtains in most of the cells can stand to be replaced, but showers overall are much improved. Overcrowding is not an issue today.**

***OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
C-1	10	32	Female Maximum	31.25%
C-2	27	32	Female Minimum	84.38%
C-3	27	16	Male Minimum	168.75%

C-4	14	24	Male Workers	58.33%
C-5	18	24	Male Minimum	75.00%
C-6	10	24	Special Maximum	41.67%
C-7	7	6	Isolation Maximum	116.67%
Total	113	158		71.52%

D-Pod: Hallway needs to be cleaned and swept and trash cans emptied. Meal delivery in progress.

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

D-1 Clean _____

D-2 Clean _____

D-3 Clean _____

D-4 Clean _____

D-5 Clean _____

D-6 – Floors need to be swept, *internet connections/ Connectivity is still sketchy or nonexistent

D-7 (Multi-purpose room) Has had carpet removed and is being converted for use with virtual court proceedings. It is clean and not in use at the time of this visit. *Could use some sound panels to take care of echoing noise.

Recreation Yard: Drains need to be cleaned out, some standing rainwater issues

NOTES: No Inmate Complaints were registered during this visit. The air circulation is much improved, and showers continue to look much better.

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

D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:

	Present	Capacity	Designation	%Full
D-1	34	32	Min/Medium	106.25%
D-2	42	32	Medium	131.25%
D-3	31	32	Medium	96.88%
D-4	37	32	Med/Maximum	115.63%
D-5	29	32	Maximum	90.63%
D-6	40	32	Maximum	125.00%
Total	213	192		110.94%

Total Inmates in Pods 326 Total Capacity 350 93.14%

OTHER LOCATIONS

	Male	Female	Total
Intake	7	2	9
Medical	17	1	18
Total	24	3	27

TYPE	Male	Female	Total	% of Capacity	% of Total
Federal Inmates	52	1	53	15.14%	15.01%
TDOC	73	8	81	23.14%	22.95%

Inmate Population Logistics	Females	Males	Total
Pre-Trial Misdemeanants	8	61	69
Pre-Trial Felons	17	80	97
Sentenced Misdemeanants	5	22	27
Sentenced Felons	1	3	4
State Department of Corrections	8	73	81
Federal Inmates	1	52	53
House Other Agency	0	24	24
No Booking Type	0	0	0
TOTALS	40	315	355*

Security Class

Minimum	103
Medium	214
Maximum	21
Unclassified	17
Total	355*

	Present	Capacity	%Full
Females:	40	64	62.50%
Males:	315	286	110.14%
Total:	415		

Sex Offenders

	Females	Males	Total
Total:	0	23	23