

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: March 23, 2023

Time: 4:00 p.m.

Members present:

Members absent:

Others present:

Sharon Hannum, Keith Brock

James Ferguson

Officer Ryan Palonis

Population: total: 375

Males: 313

Females: 62

Public Lobby: Clean

Hallways: Clean

Intake: General area – Housekeeping is good, Offices clean, Primary Bathroom, clean; Shower area has soap wrappers on the floor, otherwise acceptable except for ongoing floor safety issues noted here. *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 notes below.**

Cell #1 – Occupied and clean. Cell #2 – Occupied and needs cleaning. Cell #3 – Empty - and is in need of cleaning. Cell #4 – Occupied and clean. Cell #5 (Sallyport and pre-processing) Sallyport clean, and the car wash area is empty and organized. Cell #6 – Empty and clean. Cell #7 – Supply Area for Car Wash Crew, supplies need to be organized. Fingerprint area is clean and organized. Cell #8 – Occupied and is clean. Cell #9 – Occupied and clean. Cell #10 – has been converted into a virtual courtroom (not in use during this visit) is clean except the floor. 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 flooring and are in varying degrees of deterioration. Both showers pose opportunity for potential personal injury, such as trip/fall, cuts/abrasions to feet and other extremities.**

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 and is clean. M-1 – This is the decontamination area; and is clean. M-2 – Occupied and is in need of cleaning. M-3 – Occupied and in need of cleaning. M-4 – Occupied, and is clean. M-5 – is occupied and is in need of cleaning. M-6 – Occupied, and is clean. M-7 – is occupied and is clean. 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. 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 is not in use and clean. 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 in the process of cleaning for the night. No issues noted during this visit and no complaints or needs were registered.

Laundry: Laundry in progress during this visit. Area is clean and organized.

Library: Orderly (it is a shared space with equipment storage). Could use a separate 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 Food trays need to be removed but otherwise clean.

C16 Stockroom – Dirty clothes are on the floor and need to be collected for laundry, clean uniforms on shelves are not folded and stacked, boots in the middle of the floor, and floor needs to be swept.

Outside Recreation Yard – Clean and one drain is partially stopped up (work request issued).

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 during this visit except wanting larger food portions.

***OVERCROWDING NOTES:**

| | Present | Capacity | Designation | %Full |
|--------------|------------|------------|-------------------|---------------|
| C-1 | 17 | 35 | Female Maximum | 53.13% |
| C-2 | 35 | 32 | Female Minimum | 109.38% |
| C-3 | 5 | 16 | Male Minimum | 31.25% |
| C-4 | 14 | 24 | Male Workers | 58.33% |
| C-5 | 17 | 24 | Male Minimum | 70.83% |
| C-6 | 28 | 24 | Special Maximum | 116.67% |
| C-7 | 9 | 6 | Isolation Maximum | 150.00% |
| Total | 125 | 158 | | 79.11% |

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 Clean

D-2 Clean

D-3 Clean

D-4 Floors swept but dirt and trash was left in a pile

D-5 Cleaning was in progress

D-6 Ceiling tiles loose *internet connections/
Connectivity is still sketchy or nonexistent

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: Good

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.

D-POD OVERCROWDING NOTES:

| | Present | Capacity | Designation | % Full |
|--------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------------|
| D-1 | 43 | 32 | Min/Medium | 134.38% |
| D-2 | 36 | 32 | Medium | 112.50% |
| D-3 | 32 | 32 | Medium | 100.00% |
| D-4 | 36 | 32 | Med/Maximum | 112.50% |
| D-5 | 18 | 32 | Maximum | 56.25% |
| D-6 | 47 | 32 | Maximum | 146.88% |
| Total | 212 | 192 | | 110.42% |

Total Inmates in Pods 337 Total Capacity 350 96.29%

OTHER LOCATIONS:

| | Male | Female | Total |
|--------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Intake | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| Medical | 20 | 4 | 24 |
| Total | 26 | 8 | 34 |

| TYPE | Male | Female | Total | % of Capacity | % of Total |
|-----------------|------|--------|-------|---------------|------------|
| Federal Inmates | 40 | 0 | 40 | 11.43% | 10.78% |
| TDOC | 89 | 10 | 99 | 28.29% | 26.68% |

| Inmate Population Logistics | Females | Males | Total |
|---------------------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
| Pre-Trial Misdemeanants | 19 | 49 | 68 |
| Pre-Trial Felons | 17 | 101 | 118 |
| Sentenced Misdemeanants | 12 | 15 | 27 |
| Sentenced Felons | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| State Department of Corrections | 10 | 89 | 99 |
| Federal Inmates | 0 | 40 | 40 |
| House Other Agency | 4 | 18 | 22 |
| No Booking Type | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTALS | 62 | 313 | 375* |

Security Class

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|---------------------|-------------|
| Minimum | 93 |
| Medium | 232 |
| Maximum | 26 |
| Unclassified | 24 |
| Total | 375* |

| | Present | Capacity | %Full |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Females: | 62 | 64 | 96.88% |
| Males: | 313 | 286 | 109.44% |
| Total: | 375 | | |

Sex Offenders

| Females | Males | Total |
|---------|-------|-------|
| 0 | 29 | 29 |