

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: Sept. 21, 2017 Members present: Sharon Hannum, James Ferguson
Time: 4:00 p.m. Members absent: Keith Brock
Others present: Officer Rick Bradley

Population: total: 574 Male: 437 Female: 137 76.13% Male, 23.87% Female

Public Lobby: Excellent

Public Hallways: Clean

***Administrative Office Area:** Clean. Water stained ceiling tile throughout the halls still needs to be replaced.

Note: Roof drains have been modified which has improved the water run off during hard rainstorms, however the roof still needs an evaluation for water leaks and ceiling tile need to be replaced.

Intake: The common area is in good condition except the floors need to be swept and trash emptied. Primary bathroom is clean. Interview room, in use for drug screening of pod workers. **Cell #1** – Cell is occupied by 8 males and needs to be cleaned. Trash is littering the floor, commode needs to be cleaned. **Cell #2** – This cell is occupied by 6 females waiting to be classified and transported to the appropriate pod. This cell needs trash removed, floor cleaned and commode cleaned. **Cell #3** – Is occupied by 1 male and is dirty. Floor needs to be swept AND mopped, trash removed and commode cleaned and sanitized. **Cell #4** - This cell is empty and clean. **Cell #5** is the Garage/SALY Port area and is clean. One male was being brought in at the time of inspection. **Cell #6** – This cell has 1 male and is clean except the commode. **Cell #7**- is reserved for inmates who clean vehicles and was occupied but appeared to be organized. **Cell #8** is occupied by 1 female and is clean. **Cell #9** – this cell is occupied by 2 males and needs trash removed and floor cleaned. **Cell #10** – This cell is occupied by several pod workers and appeared to be in good sanitary condition. Fingerprint area is clean, but several ceiling tile are water stained and need to be replaced. The shower area is in need of general cleaning. No inmate complaints in the Intake area were registered during this inspection. There were 3 female inmates that had been brought in and were not yet processed.

*The total number of inmates in Intake is 20 not counting those being drug screened and not yet booked.

Medical:

Exam #1 – Floor needs to be swept and mopped and sink needs to be scrubbed.

Exam #2 – Floor needs to be swept and mopped and the sink needs to be scrubbed.

M-1 – Medical Supply Room – Door was locked during the time of this visit.

M-2 – Floor needs to be cleaned *This is the low-pressure area and is not used for housing patients. It is used as the decontamination area when needed as new inmates are introduced into the Medical Department.

M-3 – Occupied by 1 male. The floor and commode dirty and sink still needs to be repaired.

M-4 – Occupied by 1 male amputee, the floor and commode need to be scrubbed and sanitized.

M-5 – Occupied by 2 males and is clean. * The floor sealant is peeling off. This floor needs to be stripped and new epoxy applied. *Epoxy has not been delivered yet

M-6 – Occupied by 1 male who is on suicide watch and is clean.

M-7 - Occupied by 1 male and is clean.

M-8 – Occupied by 3 males, the floor needs to be cleaned but is otherwise in good condition.

M-9 – Occupied by 2 males and has tissue paper covering the ceiling air vents and light fixtures, floor needs to be swept and faucet handles appear to be broken.

M-10 – Occupied by 3 males and has paper on the vents, and floor has trash on it. *The floor is peeling (staff is waiting for delivery of epoxy so that the floor can be redone.)

***All of the food tray openings need to be cleaned.**

Shower – Wall has been bleached but the floor still needs further attention.

M-12 – Dental Office - No procedures are being performed during this visit, but still has not been cleaned and clutter removed. Don't know if it is being used on a regular basis.

There are **14** inmates housed in medical at the time of this visit.

*No inmate complaints registered during this inspection.

Kitchen: Dinner preparation had just ended and cleanup was beginning. Pot wash area needs extra cleaning. There are 3 bay fryers and only one works, coffee and tea makers still need to be replaced. *There is a water leak where the hose attaches to the water line in the cleaning supply room and needs to be repaired.

Laundry: Clean- Laundry was in progress at the time of this inspection.

C-Pod: *West wall in **C-5** has very wide cracks and is separated from the ceiling. Thermocycling continues to make this condition worsen. *C-6 has the same type of deterioration as C-5.

Water comes in at the foundation in C block and around windows during heavy rain events. This is an ongoing issue. *Suggest a structural evaluation.

C-1 - Clean - (Female Pod)_____

C-3 – Towels on rails, otherwise clean_____

C-5 – Towels on rails, sled beds on floor_____

C-7 - Trash on the floor_____

C-2 _Clean – (Female Pod)_____

C-4 _ sled beds on the floor, towels on rails,_____

C-6 – Towels on rails, air vents have paper & cards on them, several ceiling tile are water stained

Multi-purpose Room: Needs to be vacuumed_____

Rec Yard – Graffiti on the walls, floor drains stopped up

C-Pod Hallways – Trash cans not yet emptied and dinner delivery is in progress.

***Food tray openings at each pod need to be pressure washed and cleaned.**

***All cells are overcrowded**

***Red zone area in each cell needs to be repainted**

***Inmate Complaints – Not enough food.**

D-Pod: Hallways – Trash cans are full and have not yet been emptied.

D-1 – Clean, _____

D-3 – Trash on the floor, ceiling tile damaged

D-5- Trash on floor,_____

D-2- Clean_____

D-4 – Ceiling tile and 2 light bulbs need to be replaced

D-6 – floors dirty, needs shower curtain, Ceiling tile damaged and need to be replaced, floors are dirty

D-7 (Recovery classroom) – Trash on floor

Multipurpose Room – Needs to be vacuumed & Cleaned. _____

Library: Clean and organized. Could use additional shelving space. Area is being shared with some building supplies. _____

Property Room – Clean and organized

NOTES:

- **Food Tray Openings at each pod need to be pressure cleaned and sanitized.**
- **All cells are crowded - have 4 or more inmates.**
- **Multiple complaints coming from D-1, D-3 and D-4. See Notes below.**

Complaints:

- Inmates Alfred Barrett reported that Medical is not responding to his requests to be seen.
- Multiple inmates from every pod complained regarding the hygiene items' removal from commissary and replaced with small condiment size packets of deodorant, shampoo and toothpaste. These are not resealable and they are very harsh products. This is the commodity that is dispensed to indigent inmates for free, but they are being charged the regular price for these items in place of the items they once were able to order in the regular size containers. There are also multiple complaints of having skin irritation from the deodorant.
- Tomichael Carter reported that he was left in visitation for 9 hours with no food, and had to urinate on the floor when his bladder became full.
- Adam Hooks, complained that the medical department is not responding his medical needs.
- Multiple inmates complained of the medical department being non-responsive regarding requests for exams or medications. Treatment in essence is being denied.
- John Walker complained that all inmates are being put on lockdown for the infractions of a few and he too complained about the shampoo and deodorant. Mr. Walker also reported that his Probation Officer is not responding to his multiple requests for a visit. He wants to plead guilty to his charges. His inmate number is 484406 and needs for his Probation Officer and Attorney to visit.

STATISTICS

State Department of Corrections (TDOC): 91

Federal Inmates: 58

Pretrial Felon: 203

Pretrial Misdemeanant: 193

Sentenced Felon: 8

Sentenced Misdemeanant: 3

Housing for other agency: 14

Repeat Offenders *No data

***On new reporting data...total numbers do not add up correctly. I.E. Number of Federal, State and local inmates do not equal the total number of inmates (574)**