

# Facility Inspection Report

## Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: Jan. 18, 2018      Members present: Sharon Hannum  
Time: 4:00 p.m.      Members absent: James Ferguson, Keith Brock  
Others present: Sgt. Howdeshell

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Population: total: 586      Male: 454\_\_      Female: 132      Male: 77.47%      Female: 22.53%

Public Lobby: Excellent

Public Hallways: Clean

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**\*Administrative Office Area:** Clean. Perpetual water leaks has damaged some ceiling tile throughout the halls. One area near the records room is now developing mold in the ceiling tile, this is causing breathing problems for some of the employees in this area. Mop buckets have been placed to collect water on heavy rain days, but often is left and allowed to become stagnant.

**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. Primary bathroom is clean. Interview room is occupied by a female inmate waiting for counsel and is clean. **Shower:** In need of cleaning, shower curtain dirty and torn; Ceiling tile water damaged and commode unflushed and not sanitary. **Cell #1** – Cell is occupied by 8 males and is clean. **Cell #2** – This cell is occupied by 4 males dressed and ready for transport to pods. There are several burned out bulbs that need to be replaced, tissue paper stuck on air vents in the ceiling and floors dirty. **Cell #3** – Is occupied by 6 females processed and dressed for transport to the pods. The cell is clean **Cell #4** - This cell is occupied by 8 females dressed and ready for transport to C pods. The cell has tissue on ceiling air vents, light bulbs that need to be replaced and floor swept. **Cell #5** is the Garage/SALY Port area and is clean. **Cell #6** – This cell is occupied by 1 male who had not been booked. Cell was clean. **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 clean except vents had tissue paper stuck to them and need to be cleaned off. **Cell #9** – this cell is occupied by 1 male and needs trash removed, floor and commode need to be cleaned. Also has tissue paper stuck to ceiling vents. **Cell #10** – This cell is occupied by 1 male and needs to have several light bulbs replaced and tissue removed from vents. **Fingerprint area** is in need of cleaning, floor needs to be swept and several of the ceiling tile are water stained and need to be replaced.

The Inmate, Donte Lewis in Cell number 6 complained that he had been in the cell for hours and had not been informed as to his charges nor allowed to make a phone call.

\*The total number of inmates in Intake is 32 not counting the car wash inmates and one inmate using the phone in the common area.

### Medical:

**Exam #1 – Dirty. In need of floors and sinks to be cleaned. Some trash on the floor and had a foul odor.**

**Exam #2 – Clean**

**M-1** – Medical Supply Room – Locked, could not be inspected.

**M-2** – Clean. \*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 (mentally unstable). This inmate is in need of psychiatric/mental health attention. Cell is in need of cleaning and is also extremely cold.

**M-4** – Occupied by 1 male the commode needs to be scrubbed and sanitized and floor needs to be cleaned. Privacy curtain is missing and the cell is extremely cold, and inmate are in need of extra blankets for warmth.

**M-5** – Occupied by 1 male and floor needs to be swept and mopped, also has no privacy curtain. \* The floor sealant is peeling off. This floor needs to be stripped and new epoxy applied.

**M-6** – Occupied by 2 males and is clean, but needs a privacy curtain.

**M-7** - Occupied by 2 males and is clean.

**M-8** – Occupied by 4 males, the floor needs to be cleaned but is otherwise in good condition.

**M-9** – Occupied by 4 males (one with prosthetic leg) floors need to be swept and mopped, and cell has tissue paper stuck to air vents.

**M-10** – Occupied by 5 males and has paper on the vents, light fixture diffuser needs to be replaced but is otherwise in good condition. \*The floor is peeling

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

Shower – Dirty. Wall has mold on it, shower seat is not clean.

**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 **19** inmates housed in medical at the time of this visit.

\*Temperature is too cold in Medical. Three inmates complained and asked for additional blankets.

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**Kitchen:** Clean-up was in progress. Pot wash area needs extra cleaning and the food storage area needs to be cleaned and reorganized. Floor was extremely dirty. **\*There are 3 bay fryers and only one works, coffee and tea makers still need to be replaced.**

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

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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.**

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C-1 - Clean - (Female Pod) \_\_\_\_\_

C-3 – Towels on rails, otherwise clean \_\_\_\_\_

C-5 – Towels on rails, sled beds on floor \_\_\_\_\_

C-7 - Clean – red zone needs to be painted,  
Several light bulbs need replacing

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C-2 \_Clean – (Female Pod) \_\_\_\_\_

C-4 \_sled beds on the floor, towels on rails \_\_\_\_\_

C-6 – Towels on rails, several lights out, damaged  
ceiling tile.

Multi-purpose Room: Needs to be vacuumed and tables need to be cleaned.

**Rec Yard – Graffiti on the walls written with soap, can't be completely removed.**

**C-Pod Hallways** – Trash cans full, and dinner delivery is in progress.

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

**\*All cells are very overcrowded**

**\*Red zone area in each Pod needs to be repainted**

**CRC Classroom needs sound panels on walls to reduce echoing and noise**

**\* None registered.**

D-Pod: Hallways – Trash cans are full, trash has not yet been emptied and floors dirty.

D-1 – Pod was being searched at the time of visit

D-3 – Floors dirty and trash in corners

D-5- Trash on floor

D-7 (Recovery classroom) – Trash on floor

D-2- Pod was being searched at the time of visit

D-4 – Trash on floors, damaged ceiling tile

D-6 – Trash on floor

Multipurpose Room – Needs to be vacuumed and cleaned

**Library:** Clean and organized. Could use additional shelving space. Area also has building supplies stored in the room.

**Property Room – Inmates had many mattresses that were being re-stuffed and repaired.**

**NOTES:**

- **Food Tray Openings at each pod need to be pressure cleaned and sanitized.**
- **All cells are crowded - have 4 or more inmates per cell.**
- **Water is coming in around windows in post of the cells, particularly D-2.**
- **No Complaints during this visit**

**Complaints:**

**STATISTICS**

State Department of Corrections (TDOC): 46

Federal Inmates: 68

Pretrial Felon: 238

Pretrial Misdemeanant: 188

Sentenced Felon: 15

Sentenced Misdemeanant: 13

Housing for other agency: 18

Non Custody Bookings: 13

**Repeat Offenders \*No data**

**\*On new reporting data...total numbers do not always add up correctly. I.E. Total number of Federal, State and local inmates do not always equal the total number of inmates listed**