

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: Feb. 15, 2018	Members present:	Sharon Hannum, James Ferguson
Time: 4:00 p.m.	Members absent:	Keith Brock
	Others present:	Cpl. Gary Gray

Population: total: 609_ Male: 458 Female: 151 Male: 75.21% Female: 24.79%

Public Lobby: Excellent

Public Hallways: Clean

***Administrative Office Area:** Clean. Perpetual water leaks have 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. Buckets have been placed in the hall 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.

Intake: The common area is in good condition. Primary bathroom is clean. Interview room is in use waiting for counsel and is clean. **Shower:** In need of cleaning, both shower curtains are dirty, mildewed and torn; Ceiling tile water damaged, one overhead light bulb is burned out and needs to be replaced. The floor in front one of the showers is wet, dirty and slick making for a fall hazard. **Cell #1** – Cell is occupied by 12 females and is clean. **Cell #2** – This cell is occupied by 2 females serving 48 hrs. There is tissue paper stuck on air vents in the ceiling and floors dirty. **Cell #3** – Is occupied by 9 males and is in need of cleaning. Trash has accumulated, and the floor is dirty. **Cell #4** - This cell is occupied by 9 males and the vents have tissue paper stuck on them, otherwise cell looks okay. **Cell #5** is the Garage/SALY Port area and is clean. No cars are being washed at this time. **Cell #6** – This cell is occupied by 1 male and needs to be cleaned, trash removed, and floor cleaned. **Cell #7-** is reserved for inmates who clean vehicles and was occupied but appeared to be organized. **Cell #8** is occupied by 1 male and clean except vents had tissue paper stuck to them and need to be cleaned off. **Cell #9** – this cell is empty and clean. **Cell #10** – This cell is occupied by 1 male and needs to be cleaned. There is trash on the floor, tissue removed from ceiling and vents and the floors are dirty. **Fingerprint area** is in need of cleaning and there is evidence of a recent water leak. Several ceiling tiles also need to be replaced and the floor cleaned.

*There is a water leak in the ceiling in the hall leading to the shower area.

*The total number of inmates in Intake is 35 not counting the car wash inmates waiting to be taken back to their cell block.

Medical:

Exam #1 – Dirty, floors and sinks need to be cleaned.

Exam #2 – Dirty, floors and sinks need to be cleaned.

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.

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M-3 – Occupied by 1 male (mentally unstable). All of the lights are out, and it is difficult to see. It appears to have trash on the floor and the cell is very cold. This inmate is in need of a mental health evaluation.

M-4 – Occupied by 1 male the commode needs to be scrubbed and sanitized and floor needs to be cleaned.

M-5 – Occupied by 2 females on suicide watch. The 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 1 male and is clean, but needs a privacy curtain.

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

M-8 – Occupied by 4 males, the cell is cluttered, 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 3 females and has paper on the vents, light fixture diffuser needs to be replaced, tissue paper stuck on ceiling vents, clothes and towels on the floor.

***All of the food tray openings need to be pressure washed and sanitized.**

Shower – Walls are better but the floor still needs to be cleaned.

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

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: Laundry was in progress at the time of this inspection water is observed underneath both washers. The faucets in the utility sink are loose and leaking also.

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-2 _Clean – (Female Pod) _____

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

C-6 – Most cells are flooded. Hand sinks are missing faucets, there is standing water in the shower – the drain appears to be stopped up, and is flooding the common area. There are sleds on the floor and water is surrounding most of them.

C-7 – Red zones need to be repainted, trash needs to be picked up.

Multi-purpose Room: Needs to be vacuumed and Cleaned.

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***In C-5 and C-6 ceiling tile are either missing, or water damaged. Mold and mildew can be found on the walls, in most cell areas. All corners, top and bottom need to be caulked.**

C-5 shower has mold on the floor, ceiling and shower curtain. Areas 13, 14, 15 have standing water that is coming in at the floor. Can hear running water in the wall. Paper towels are stuffed in the cracks between the floor and wall to soak up water and keep out air. The area is so damp that inmate clothing/laundry also get damp.

C-3 does not have enough sleds/mats.

***Rec Yard – Graffiti on the walls written with soap, can’t be completely removed. Water is Ponding in the yard (drains appear not to be carrying water away)**

***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, and sleds are being utilized on the floors**

***Red zone areas in each Pod needs to be repainted**

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

*** Water can be heard running constantly through the walls in C5 and C6.**

***Can’t determine the source of running water.**

***Observed gutters that need to be cleaned, cracks in the stucco walls, evidence of water**

***Leaking around windows, ponding/standing water along the wall at the foundation.**

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

D-3 – Floors dirty and trash in corners

D-4 – Trash on floors, damaged ceiling tile

D-5- Floors dirty,

D-6 – Trash on floor

D-7 (Recovery classroom) – Clean

Multipurpose Room – Clean

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 most of the cells, water puddles were found in D-2. Cells 218, 215, 217, 216 have water puddles and water coming through walls. There is also evidence of mold and mildew.**
- **Pest control (bugs) issues in D-1**
- **Went outside to look for water intrusion sources and found that water stains are around all of the windows indicating leaks. Stucco walls are also cracked.**

Complaints:

- **Justin Meese (TDOC) reports that TDOC says they don’t have his paperwork so his effective release date is undetermined.**
- **Spenser McDaniel, D-3 also reports errors on time keeping**
- **Chris Ogle that he has served 18 months of a 24-month sentence, but computer records show 38 days served. His docket number is 23565**
- **Shane Garner reports that TDOC inmates are not getting good time recorded. He is still waiting for a revocation hearing.**

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STATISTICS

State Department of Corrections (TDOC): 46

Federal Inmates: 73

Pretrial Felon: 261

Pretrial Misdemeanant: 182

Sentenced Felon: 15

Sentenced Misdemeanant: 12

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**