

Facility Inspection Report

Blount County Correctional Facility

Date: August 15, 2019
Time: 4:00 p.m.

Members present: Sharon Hannum, James Ferguson, Keith Brock
Members absent:
Others present: Captain Keith Gregory, State Rep. Jerome Moon

Population: total: 634 Male: 484 Female: 150 Male: 76% Female: 24%

Public Lobby: Excellent

Public Hallways: Clean

***Administrative Office Area:** Clean and orderly, except water stained ceiling tile in all of the offices

Intake: The common area is in good condition. Primary bathroom is clean except trash needs to be removed. Interview room is empty and clean. Evidence of previous water leak in the ceiling tile in hall leading to shower area. **Showers:** Showers are dirty, mold is evident and there is standing water in shower #2. **Cell #1** – Cell is empty and clean. It had just been painted and sanitized. **Cell #2** – This cell is occupied by 12 dressed females waiting for housing, there were not enough mats or blankets for each inmate. The all of the floor space is used as sleeping space, also the ceiling air vent has tissue stuck to it. **Cell #3** – Is occupied by 16 undressed females not yet processed, no other issues noted. **Cell #4** - This cell is occupied by 11 dressed males that are being processed. This cell has some trash on the floor and tissue on the air vents. **Cell #5** is the Garage/SALY Port area has been pressure washed and is clean. No cars are being washed at this time. **Cell #6** – (Drunk Tank) This cell has 10 males not yet dressed out occupying it and has trash on the floor. The commode also needs to be cleaned. **Fingerprint Area** – Floor is dirty, and ceiling tile show evidence of previous water leaks. **Cell #7-** is reserved for female car wash crew and supplies, it is fairly organized but could use some general housekeeping. **Cell #8** has dressed out females, cell has tissue paper on the ceiling vents and trash on the floor. **Cell #9** – Occupied by males not yet dressed out and has trash on the floor. **Cell #10** – This cell is occupied by 1 male and has tissue on the ceiling vents but is otherwise clean. The Interview room was empty and clean.

*There was no accurate count of inmates in Intake at the time of this visit.

Medical:

Exam #1 – Clean but has a lot of equipment and boxes stacked in it.

Exam #2 – Clean

M-1 – Medical Supply Room – Clean and organized.

M-2 – *This is the low-pressure area and is not used for housing patients. Floor needs to be swept/mopped but is otherwise in good condition.

M-3 – Occupied by 1 male and is clean. Very cold in this area, this inmate has been Inmate Johnson complained that he has been in that cell without sentencing for several months. This particular cell is extremely cold.

M-4 – Occupied by 3 inmates and is clean except for tissue on light cover. Concrete floor has rough spots and needs to be repaired and painted.

M-5 – Occupied by 1 inmate. It will need to be sanded or a grinder used to smooth out the rough places and patch with new epoxy flooring.

M-6 – Occupied by 2 females and has no noted issues.

M-7 – Occupied by 3 inmates, no housekeeping issues noted. good. The vinyl baseboard is broken/torn off in places.

M-8 – Occupied by 5 inmates, no housekeeping issues noted.

M-9 – Occupied by 7 inmates, no housekeeping issues noted.

M-10 – Occupied by 4 inmates, no housekeeping issues noted.

M-11 – Case Management worker's office locked.

M-12 – Office for the Medical Nurse/Supervisor and Psych Nurse is clean.

M-17 – Dental Office - locked.

M-18 – Laboratory – Locked

Shower – Clean

Halls- *Cleaning and trash removal occurs during the night shift by pod workers. Floors need to be mopped and sanitized.

There are 25 inmates housed in medical at the time of this visit.

Kitchen: Clean-up is in progress. The garbage disposer (aerator) out of order at the sinks in the pot wash area.

Laundry: Area is clean, and laundry was in progress.

Property Room: Mold/Mildew noted on pipe insulation in the ceiling. Room very organized and neat.

C-Pod: *West wall in **C-5** has very wide cracks and is separated from the ceiling. ***C-6** has the same type of deterioration as **C-5**. Water comes in at the foundation in **C** block and around some windows during heavy rain events.

C-1 - Clean - (Female Pod) _____

C-2 _Clean - (Female Pod) _____

C-3 – Water stained ceiling tiles, otherwise clean

C-4- Housekeeping good,

C-5 – Sled beds on floor, towels on rails

C-6 – Shower Curtains need replacing, water stained ceiling tile

C-7 – Trash on floor, empty food trays, red zone needs painting

Multipurpose Room: Clean _____

Recreation Yard: _Writing on the walls and door, commode has been completely destroyed and needs be removed and replaced, 3 flood lamps are burned out and need to be replaced.

***Mold/ mildew can be found on the walls, in most cell areas and around windows.**

***C-6, Water still seeps into cells during heavy rain events**

***Pod Hallways – Clean**

***Food tray openings are a continual challenge to keep clean and need to be pressure washed**

***All cells are crowded necessitating the use of sleds on the floors**

***Red zone areas in every cell needs to be repainted when overcrowding allows.**

***CRC Classroom (off the hallway to C Pod) needs sound panels installed on walls to reduce echoing and noise.**

***Budget requests have been made for the following:**

Clean or replace Gutters, seal/waterproof exterior walls, seal and caulk windows, evaluate foundation for water intrusion, roof replacement.

D-Pod: Hallways – No issues noted _____

D-1: Trash on floor, water damaged ceiling tile,

D-3: Trash on floor _____

D-5: Trash on floor _____

D-7: (Recovery classroom) – Clean _____

D-11: Recreation Yard – Clean _____

D-2: housekeeping is good, water damaged ceiling tile _____

D-4: Trash on floor, soap packets in shower, commode in common area leaking at the base _____

D-6: Ceiling tile water stained _____

Multipurpose Room: Needs to be vacuumed, ceiling air vent looks rusted and ceiling tile around it has black substance of some kind

***D1 has what appears to be mold or mildew around windows.**

***All cells need to have red zones painted**

***Inmate in D515 complained that there is mold in the cell**

***COMMON COMPLAINTS: Too crowded, not enough food to eat, black mold is evident.**

COST ESTIMATES FOR WATER INTRUSION ISSUES IS IN PROCESS.

Library: Clean and organized. Area is also a storage space.

STATISTICS – Judicial Status

(TDOC) State Department of Corrections: **150** (36 Females, 114 Males)

Federal Inmates: **104** (2 females, 102 males)

Pretrial Felon: **104** (Females 1, Males 103)

Pretrial Misdemeanant: **135** (45 Females, 90 Males)

Sentenced Felon: **14** (3 Females, 11 Males)

Sentenced Misdemeanant: **49** (15 Females, 34 Males)

House Other Agency: **16** (0 Female, 16 Males)

No Booking Type:

Total: **634**

	Present	Capacity	%Full
Females:	150	64	234.38%
Males:	484	286	169.23%

Sex Offenders

Females: 2

Males: 44

Total: 46

Security Class

Minimum: 161

Medium: 332

Maximum: 72

Unclassified: 69

Repeat Offenders *No data