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Sheriff Andy Creech
Payette County Sheriff's Office
1130 Third Avenue North Room #101
Payette, ID 83661

Re: 2023 Jail Inspection

Dear Sheriff Creech:

I completed the inspection of your jail on May 31, 2023. Thanks to your detention staff for their help in completing the inspection paperwork and the tour of the facility.

During my walk-through of the facility, I did not notice any areas in need of repair. The facility was very clean, and I didn't notice any leaks from plumbing, the temperature was good, and the lighting was good.

Your meal preparation is done by Summit Food Service. Their dietician approved the menu on May 12, 2023.

The Southwest Public Health District inspection dated September 20, 2022, passed your facility with minor comments that have since been addressed.

Commissary services are offered to inmates through Summit. Indigent inmates are given hygiene and writing supplies as needed.

Your VINE Coordinator is Brooke Jones.

Your rated capacity is sixty-eight and your inmate population on the day of the inspection was sixty-eight. The average daily population over the past year was fifty-one.

I interviewed Deputy Crimin who told me that he had worked in the Payette County Jail for almost three years. He confirmed that cell/security checks are done on a regular basis and recorded on the guardian system for documentation. He also stated that he is the fire safety officer and explained his duties as such. He stated that inmates are informed about PREA through a handout that they receive at booking information posted in the housing units and a video that is shown every Sunday to all inmates. He was also able to confirm the various

methods of reporting sexual harassment or abuse and understood his responsibilities as a first responder to such a report. Deputy Crimin gave a good explanation of the medical screening done upon intake into the facility. The contract medical provider, Dr. Sean Hacket, holds sick calls weekly and ensures that 14-day medical assessments are completed usually within the mandatory time period.

I interviewed two inmates who were incarcerated in your facility at the time of the inspection. One was male who had been in the Madison County jail approximately five months. The other was female who had been in custody at Madison County approximately three weeks. Both inmates reported that there are not generally a male and female deputy on each shift but that deputies check on them about every 15 to 25 minutes. Both inmates said they knew about the evacuation plan for the facility and could explain it. Both inmates stated that they had received a medical evaluation shortly after being booked into the facility. Both knew how to request to see the medical provider if necessary. Both stated they received PREA education as soon as they were booked in, information is posted in their pods, and a video that is played weekly. Reports of sexual abuse can be made on a kite, to the staff, to a family member or friend, and on the phone or even to visiting clergy. Reports can also be made anonymously. Both stated they feel safe from sexual abuse in the Payette County Jail. Both reported that all inmates had bunks to sleep on. Both inmates stated that they had not been involved in at least one fire drill during their incarceration.

STANDARDS SELECTED BY ICRMP FOR THE ICRMP JAIL INSPECTION PROGRAM

The following is a list of the Idaho Jail Standards adopted by the Idaho Sheriffs' Association that were selected by ICRMP for their underwriting purposes. Failure to comply with these standards may change the terms of the County's insurance coverage with ICRMP. Please contact Lindsay Dressler at ICRMP for more information.

Staffing – In compliance with the standard

IJS 03.02

There are never less than two deputies on duty at any time. The minimum staffing for the facility is two deputies on duty.

Training and Staff Development – In compliance with the standard

IJS 04.01

IJS 04.03

IJS 04.07

Deputies are detention certified within one year of hire. On-going training is maintained through a variety of means so everyone continues to be certified.

Fire Safety and Emergency Procedures – In compliance with the standards

IJS 06.01

IJS 06.02

IJS 06.03

IJS 06.04

Deputy Crimin is the fire safety officer and your documentation on monthly fire safety inspections reflects applicable areas.

The lieu of a fire drill you experienced an actual fire incident on July 8, 2022. This incident was debriefed as tabletop training with all jail staff. The local fire department inspected the facility on February 24, 2023, and found no violations.

Fire evacuation plans are posted in the housing unit. Both inmates I interviewed were aware of the evacuation plans and were aware of the route.

Inmate Observation/Security Checks – In compliance with the standards

IJS 07.02

The dates checked during this time were September 24, October 3, November 13, November 25, and December 3, 2022. The logs show that all security checks were within standard.

There were no special watch security checks during the time frame given.

Strip Searches and Body Cavity Searches – In compliance with the standard

IJS 15.05

Your intake strip searches are done based upon reasonable suspicion, persons who know ahead of time that they are coming to jail. Supervisor permission is required prior to a strip search. All strip searches are documented.

No strip searches are done in groups, none are done on camera, and cross gender strip searches are not allowed. The strip search is done in a private room. One deputy conducts the strip search unless the inmate may become combative and, if that is the situation, another deputy stands outside the door to be able to respond quickly.

Body cavity searches are done only with a search warrant and done by a medical professional.

Health Care Services – In compliance with the standards

IJS 11.01

IJS 11.03

IJS 11.10

IJS 11.12

IJS 11.13

Medical screening is done at booking. If a serious medical issue is reported, EMS or medical staff will be contacted, or the arresting officer will be asked to take the individual to the emergency room.

To request medical care, inmates can submit a medical request or can ask a deputy.

I verified you have an agreement with Dr. Sean Hacket for inmate medical services. Mental health services are available to inmates through the Region Three Health and Welfare Mental Health Services.

Inmates may send a request to see the medical provider when necessary.

Inmate Rights, Regarding Rape, Sexual Assault or Sexual Activity – In compliance with the standard

IJS 12.03
IJS 12.04

Inmates are given a handout on PREA when they are booked. They also have posters in each housing unit explaining PREA. Inmates are also shown a PREA video weekly on Sundays.

Inmates can report sexual abuse or sexual harassment by filing a grievance or kite, telling a deputy, using the kiosk in the housing unit, or telling a family member or third party.

Staff had training on Idaho Statute 18-6110 on various days in December 2022 with PREA training.

Physical Facility – **Not in compliance with the standard**

IJS 18.01

The documentation of your inmate population showed you were over your rated capacity in at least one cell or housing "a lot" during calendar year 2022. This was both reported by staff and documented in population reports.

Summary of ICRMP Selected Standards Compliance

Total ICRMP selected standards in compliance: 7

Total ICRMP selected standards out of compliance: 1

Summary of Entire Idaho Jail Standards Compliance

A total of Mandatory Standards out of compliance: 1

IJS 18.01 The facility has a rated capacity established in accordance with these Standards. Except in emergencies, the total number of inmates in each cell or housing unit does not exceed its rated capacity. The number of inmates which may be housed in a particular cell or room, housing unit, or facility is based upon available square footage, sanitary fixtures, and other physical plant features as specified in these Standards.

Total of Recommended Standards out of compliance: 0

Based upon the jail inspection and finding at least one mandatory standard out of compliance, I must recommend the Payette County Jail for a non-compliance designation for the Idaho Jail Standards for 2023.

Please give me a call if you have any questions or if I can be of assistance to you.

Sincerely,

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