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Payette County Sheriff's Office
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Re: 2021 Jail Inspection

Dear Sheriff Creech:

As you are aware, the jail inspection this year has changed to a data only inspection because of the outbreak of the coronavirus throughout the United States and safety concerns of non-essential people entering the jails.

I would like to thank Lt. Brian Bullington for sending me a very detailed flash drive of the items I requested for the inspection. The information on the flash drive was very thorough and organized which made my inspection much easier. Lt. Bullington also got back to me immediately with answers to questions I still had and documentation that I requested. Lt. Bullington and his staff are great to work with. Whenever I ask for something, they all work hard to get it to me and it is very much appreciated.

You have Summit for your food service and your dietitian's analysis dated December 10, 2020 from Summit showed the menus are approved. Inmates assist the cook but are not left alone when preparing or serving food.

The Southwest District Health Food Establishment inspection dated November 24, 2020 showed one violation of the cook or someone else getting a Food Protection Manager Certificate by February 22, 2021. The cook has been trying to get into a class but, due to Covid-19, classes haven't been available. He is signed up for April in the first class he could get.

I reviewed your policies and procedures on PREA, Fourteen-day Health Appraisals, Issuance of Clothing and Supplies at Intake, Transfer of Medical Information and Medications to Other Correctional Facilities, Inmate Visitation, and Attorney Visiting and all reflected you are following Idaho Jail Standards in those areas. Your evacuation plan was very detailed and looked good.

Your do not keep a record of issues of clean clothing, bedding, linens, and towels provided to new inmates. However, your policy was very thorough and follows Idaho Jail Standards.

Robin Elson is your VINE Coordinator.

The rated capacity of your facility is 72 inmates and your average daily number of inmates is 56 inmates.

I also reviewed your jail inspection checklist and all standards except two were marked as compliant. Lt. Bullington verified that the two were a mistake and should have been marked as compliant.

As you are aware, this inspection included some extra procedures to inspect eight standards selected by ICRMP for more detailed inspection.

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 Carl Ericson at ICRMP for more information.

Staffing – In compliance with the standard

IJS 03.02

Your schedule shows that two to five deputies are assigned to each shift. Lt. Bullington verified that there are two per shift and, when at full staff, there is someone scheduled between shifts. Administration is also on during the week day shifts.

The staffing plan shows you have been approved for sixteen positions and Lt. Bullington stated you are not at full staff. There are positions for eleven floor deputies, two jail technicians, one Sergeant, and two Lieutenants. There are also two contract kitchen staff.

There is not always a female detention deputy on shift but the jail has a female dispatcher help with female inmates when needed.

Training and Staff Development – In compliance with the standards

IJS 04.01
IJS 04.03
IJS 04.07

I verified current detention certifications on your staff by comparing the POST print-out against your employee list and all of your employees are current on their certification except one deputy. Lt. Bullington verified that the deputy was slated to move to the patrol division but then was reassigned to the detention division. You are requesting a waiver from POST and the deputy will go to the next available POST detention class.

All of your deputies in the jail were current with their 40 hours of training every two years.

Your detention deputies are current on their CPR and First Aid training. There is a refresher course set up for February and March this year to recertify as well as certify the ones that have not had it yet.

PREA training was given to the detention deputies on July 1, 2020.

Fire Safety and Emergency Procedures – In compliance with the standards

IJS 06.01
IJS 06.02
IJS 06.03
IJS 06.04

Deputy Smith is your fire safety officer.

A fire drill was held on January 19, 2021 and the documentation was excellent. Inmates were used in the drill. Lt. Bullington verified that training will be done soon for those who were not available on that day. All staff have participated in fire drills over the last year. Fire Extinguisher training will be offered to the staff also and will be instructed by the local fire department. There was also a real incident on September 15, 2019 that is being used as a training guide for the deputies.

There were no fire safety inspections done because of the fire safety officer resigning and no one was assigned to the position. That has been corrected. Deputy Smith is the new fire safety officer and I was given fire safety inspections for January and February of this year. The documentation was very good.

Payette City Fire Department conducted an inspection of the facility on March 6, 2020 and the facility passed the inspection.

Fire evacuation plans are posted in the hallways and all around the building. The written emergency evacuation plan was very good documentation.

Inmate Observation/Security Checks – In compliance with the standard

IJS 07.02

The documentation on security checks was very detailed and was excellent. The majority of your checks are around 30 minutes, or well below thirty minutes, during the selected days. The new standard is 60 minutes between checks and your staff only had a few checks that were close to 60 minutes but did have four checks on one day and one check on another that were over the 60 minutes. On September 7, there were four different incidences in the jail that resulted in the checks going over. And, on December 2, Lt. Bullington was able to verify the check was actually done on time but, for some reason, the Guardian scan didn't register. The logs show your staff is walking constantly. The dates checked were August 8, September 7, October 31, November 20, and December 2 of 2020.

Lt. Bullington was given three more days of checks to send to me and all checks were under the 60 minutes and were mostly 30 minutes or below. I found this standard to now be compliant. The three dates checked were: February 5, February 13, and February 17 of 2021.

You are doing special watches every 15 minutes and logging the inmate's activity when behavior is abnormal. Documentation verified the checks are being done according to policy.

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

IJS 15.05

Your intake strip searches are done with reasonable suspicion and staff documents when a strip search is done. You are not doing strip searches on all inmates going into general population. No strip searches are done in groups, none are done on camera, and no cross-gender strip searches are done.

Body cavity searches are done when there is probable cause, a warrant is obtained and the search is done by medical personnel.

Transgender and intersex inmates are asked their preference of what gender they want to search them and they sign their choice.

<u>Health Care Services</u> – In Compliance with the Standard

IJS 11.01
IJS 11.03
IJS 11.10
IJS 11.12
IJS 11.13

I verified you have a written agreement with Sean Hackett to provide your medical care to the inmates. Your Medical Provider comes in once a week for sick call and is also on call for the facility. No nurses work in the facility.

Lt. Bullington verified that fourteen-day health appraisals are being done and are current.

Inmates request medical care on a kite and all requests are seen the next sick call. Emergencies do not require a medical kite and are taken care of immediately by calling the Payette County Paramedics to respond to the facility. Once evaluated by the Paramedics, the inmate is either taken to the local ER by ambulance or Deputy. The Medical Provider will follow-up on the next visit.

Dental care is given outside the facility when the doctor has made a referral.

If an inmate needs mental health care, Region III Adult Mental Health is used.

Lt. Bullington stated you have not been billing inmates for doctor visits but plan to return to the $20.00 copay in the near future. Prescription medication is billed to the inmate at the facility's reduced cost charged by the pharmacy. Inmates are never refused medical care for inability to pay.

Staff pass medications and receive training through FTO and the training is ongoing.

Suicide prevention training was held for staff on July 16, 2020.

<u>Inmate Rights, Regarding Rape, Sexual Assault or Sexual Activity</u> – In compliance with the standard

IJS 12.03

At booking, inmates are told about PREA and how to report an incident. A flyer is posted in the housing units and a PREA video is shown once a week in the dining room. The information is also in the inmate handbook

A risk screening is also done at booking.

Training on Idaho Code 18-6110, Sexual Misconduct with Inmates was done July 1, 2020.

Your PREA Coordinator is Cpl. Garner. Your PREA policies and procedures are very good.

Physical Facility – **In compliance with the standard**

IJS 18.01

The documentation showed that Pod 2 Man and Pod 300 were over frequently in September. Lt. Bullington explained that in September IDOC wouldn't remove their inmates due to Covid-19. There was no excessive over rated capacity in October and November.

Summary of ICRMP Selected Standards Compliance

Total ICRMP selected standards in compliance: 8

Total ICRMP selected standards out of compliance: 0

Summary of Entire Idaho Jail Standards Compliance

Based upon the questionnaire and the tour of the facility I found the following standards out of compliance:

Total of Mandatory Standards out of compliance: 0

Total of Recommended Standards out of compliance: 0

Because of no mandatory standards that are out of compliance I am pleased to recommend the Payette County Jail for a 2021 Certificate of Compliance at this time.

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

Sincerely,

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