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Payette County Sheriff's Office
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Payette, ID 83661

Re: 2022 Jail Inspection

Dear Sheriff Huff:

I completed the jail inspection of your jail on April 28, 2022 and would like to thank Lt. Brian Bullington and Lt. Randy McDonald for their assistance in helping me complete the inspection paperwork and the tour of the facility. Lt. Bullington sent all of the information I requested prior to the inspection which made the inspection much easier and faster. Lt. Bullington and Lt. McDonald had everything organized and the documentation was complete. Every time I come to your facility the staff makes me feel very welcome. You have a great team and I know you are very proud of the work they do.

During my walk-through of the facility I did not notice any areas in serious need of repair. The paint looked good overall, the facility was very clean, and I didn't see any major plumbing issues. The lighting was also good.

You have Summit for your food service and the kitchen was very clean and your menus looked good. Your dietitian's analysis dated February 10, 2022 from the Summit dietitian 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 December 7, 2021 showed no violations.

I reviewed your policies and procedures on Use of Force, VINE Training, Medical Screening, Major Violations, Mail and Strip Searches Upon Admission and they reflected you are following Idaho Jail Standards in those areas.

Your total rated capacity for the facility is 72 beds and the count at the time of the inspection was 50 inmates.

I interviewed one of the deputies who was on shift at the time of the inspection and was given the following responses to my questions. The only time that only one deputy would be on shift is if one had to go to the hospital, etc. with an inmate. If that were to happen, the supervisors would try to find someone to cover. Training is provided to the deputies through in-service training, online training, mental health zoom, and various other ways. Deputy Kyle Crimin is the fire safety officer and he conducts fire drills, inspects the fire extinguishers, and does regular fire inspections around the building. The deputy was able to tell me how inmates would be evacuated if there was a fire in the kitchen. The deputy has never been in a physical fire drill. During the security checks, the deputy verifies the inmates are safe, breathing, checks for fire hazards, makes sure rules are being followed, checks the status of inmates, and talks to inmates. Special watches are done every 15 minutes or less and the deputies log any unusual behavior. Strip searches at intake are done when there is information from the arresting officer that the inmate may be hiding something or if the person knows they are coming to jail. A medical screening is done at the end of booking by going over a standard questionnaire. The deputy looks further into serious medical conditions and, if necessary, calls the doctor. Health appraisals are being done on time and are current. The biggest complaint from the inmates about your medical care in the facility is that the doctor doesn't do what they want. The PREA Coordinator is Cpl. Studtmann. At booking, the deputy goes over the PREA information with the inmate and there is a video that is played for the inmates once a week on each shift. The deputy was able to tell me the duties of a first responder to a sexual abuse. The deputy would take a report of sexual harassment or sexual abuse of an inmate seriously no matter how the report was given. The facility has not gone over the rated capacity of any cell or housing unit for quite a while.

I also interviewed two inmates who were incarcerated in the facility at the time of the inspection and had been in the facility for one to two months. Both inmates have been incarcerated in your facility before this incarceration. Both inmates stated that there used to be both male and female deputies on shift but now it is primarily males. Neither inmate has been involved in a fire drill in the facility. The inmates stated that there are evacuation plans posted all around the building and both stated they could get out of the building in an emergency. Staff check on the inmates every 20 to 30 minutes. During the checks, the deputies count heads, make sure inmates are doing what they should be doing, make sure inmates are where they are supposed to be, and talk to the inmates. One inmate stated "the guards care and are actual people" when dealing with the inmates. One inmate has been strip searched at the facility and it was done professionally by a deputy of the same gender as the inmate. The other inmate has not been strip searched. Medical questions were asked at booking to find out their medical problems and medication they were on. One inmate had a fourteen-day health appraisal within a week of booking and the other inmate saw the doctor the next day after booking and then had another appraisal two weeks later. Both inmates stated that they are seen at the next clinic after submitting a medical kite. PREA education is given through posters in the pods and a PREA video that is shown every Saturday. Both inmates knew how to report a sexual harassment and sexual abuse. They stated they feel safe from sexual abuse in your facility. Both inmates stated that all of the inmates in their pods have a bunk to sleep on.

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

I looked at your staff schedules and verified you have two to three detention deputies on shift at all times. The minimum allowed on each shift is two.

According to your staffing plan, you are approved for nineteen staff members – twelve floor deputies which includes the Sgt, two administrators, one administrative assistant, two court security, and two jail techs. Lt. Bullington and Lt. McDonald stated you were down five and had two on light duty the day of the inspection.

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.

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

Your detention deputies are current on their CPR and First Aid training having had training in 2021.

The deputies had PREA training in December of 2021.

Fire Safety and Emergency Procedures – In compliance with the standards

IJS 06.01
IJS 06.02
IJS 06.03
IJS 06.04

Kyle Crimin is your fire safety officer.

A fire drill was held on February 24, 2022 which involved moving inmates. The documentation of the drill was excellent. All, except the new hire at the time of the inspection, have been involved in a fire drill over the year prior to the inspection.

The documentation of the monthly fire inspections was also excellent.

Fire evacuation plans are posted in the hallways and all around the building. Both inmates knew the routes and stated they would be able to find their way out of the building in an emergency.

The Payette City Fire Department inspection on February 24, 2022 found no violations. Other outside fire inspections showed no violations.

Inmate Observation/Security Checks – In compliance with the standard

IJS 07.02

The documentation on security checks was very detailed and looked excellent. You set a timer for every 30 minutes between checks so the majority of your checks are right around 30 minutes between checks. None of the checks went over the standard of 60 minutes between checks. I commend your staff for an excellent job of conducting security checks every 30 minutes.

The security checks reviewed were September 18, October 7, November 1, November 17, and December 3 of 2021.

You are doing special watches every 15 minutes and logging the inmate's activity when behavior is abnormal. There was one special watch for an inmate in a restraint chair and the documentation showed the time at 26 minutes.

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

IJS 15.05

Lt. Bullington gave me your policy on strip searches and it looked good.

Your intake strip searches are done with reasonable suspicion such as a history of trying to smuggle something into the facility, a work release, or the arresting officer requests one because of a belief the inmate is hiding something. 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 pat search them and they sign their choice.

Health Care Services – In compliance with the standards

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. Dr. Hackett is the Medical Director for your facility.

Your doctor comes in once a week for sick call and is also on call for the facility. No nurses work in the facility.

Inmates request medical care on a kite and are seen the next sick call. Emergencies do not require a medical kite and are taken care of immediately by calling the EMTs.

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

If an inmate needs mental health care, he or she is scheduled to see the doctor first and, if necessary, the doctor will refer the inmate to a mental health provider outside the facility for

mental health care. The mental health provider will either come to the facility or the inmate will be taken out for the appointment.

Staff pass medication and have had med pass training.

You charge a $20.00 copay to the inmates for the doctor and actual cost of the medication that is charged to the county.

The staff have had Suicide Prevention training within the last year.

Infectious Disease, HIPPA, and Anxiety Disorder training was held on February 10, 2022

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

IJS 12.03

Lt. Bullington is your PREA.

At booking, inmates are told about PREA and how to report an incident and they are given a pamphlet. A flyer is posted in the housing units and a PREA video is shown once a week in the dining room. Both of the inmates I interviewed knew how to report a sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Training on Idaho Code 18-6110, Sexual Misconduct with Inmates was given to staff in March of 2022. Lt. Bullington also talks to every staff member about sexual misconduct with inmates and its consequences.

Physical Facility – In compliance with the standard

IJS 18.01

The facility was over 6 days in a PC cell in November and those were the only days you were over. This is an excellent improvement from the last few years.

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 out of compliance, I am pleased to recommend the Payette County Jail for a 2022 Certificate of Compliance.

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

Sincerely,

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