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Re: Multnomah County Detention Center (MCDC) Inspection October 2023

Sheriff Morrisey O'Donnell,

As you are aware the Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA) voluntarily adopted the Oregon Jail Standards in 2000. The Oregon Jail Standards provide agencies with non-binding guidelines to improve the operation/management of their jail facility and to reinforce and enhance staff professionalism. The standards are based on legal requirements, sound corrections practice, and the application of the line and management levels in our jails – bringing all staff together in the common goal of complying with or exceeding the adopted standards.

This report is primarily intended for you and the MCDC Command Staff, but since others may read it, it will contain preliminary information, which may appear relatively basic. The report will include a description of the MCDC facility, a summary of the inspection process, an introduction of the inspection team and instructions regarding appeal or grievance opportunities. The inspection team used to provide a second report that would detail each standard by; date of inspection, inspector name, compliance rating and inspector notes for that standard. These inspection details are now readily available by accessing *PowerDMS* on the internet and the lengthy printed report has been deemed no longer necessary.

Multnomah County Detention Center (MCDC) facility

The MCDC facility is operated as a direct, podular design facility with some MAX/celled housing. The jail was opened in 1983, with additions in 2001-2002. The MCDC jail serves the communities in Multnomah County as an intake facility working cooperatively with the Inverness Jail serving as a long term/sentenced facility. The MCDC facility has a design capacity of 448 beds. Currently the jail uses 225 male and 80 female dedicated beds at the time of this inspection for a total capacity of 305. The staffing level consists of: 1 Jail Commander, 3 Lieutenants, 12 Sergeants, 121 Deputies, and varied civilian support staff. The jail reports not having any active state or federal decrees in place.

In this inspection cycle the MCDC Jail facility had 2,173 inmate grievances filed, 23 suicide attempts, 1 suicide, 1 attempted escape, and zero successful escapes.

The MCDC Jail facility was also inspected by:

- Fire Inspection in 2023
- Grand Jury in 2023
- County Commissioners in 2023
- Health Department in 2021
- OSSA and DOC in 2021

Inspection Team

The inspection was completed by two separate groups. The first was an off-site inspection completed by 10 members of Jail Inspection Team #1 who completed their training through the Oregon State Sheriff's and the Oregon Jail Manager's Associations, representing nine different Sheriff's Offices around the state. The on-site portion of the inspection was completed by a four person team from Team #1. The on-site team for this inspection was made up of the following:

Lieutenant Kevin Thies – Clackamas County Sheriff's Office (team leader)
Lieutenant Steve Hohensee – Clackamas County Sheriff's Office
Lieutenant Joyce Orendorff - NORCOR
Sergeant Ryan Dunbar – Marion County Sheriff's Office

Rating Explanation

In examining each jail standard, the jail inspectors determined compliance and assigned one of three ratings:

Full Compliance Finding. Full compliance must be established if all of the following exist:

- A. Written policies and procedures that complies with the standard. Another type of directive or document may be appropriate and needed if policies and procedures are not specifically required; and
- B. Evidence jail staff are following policies and procedures or other standard-authorized directive. This verification can be through supporting documentation and/or visual inspection by the inspector with a note to file by the inspector that it was observed, and
- C. Documentation that the standard was reviewed for compliance as part of a self-inspection within the year between the previous formal inspection year and the current formal inspection year.

Partial Compliance Finding. Partial compliance for a standard must be established when the inspector finds that:

- A. The practice of the facility complies with the standard, but the practice is not supported through written policies and procedures (or other standard-authorized directive), or;
- B. A draft policy or temporary directive exists, and the practice in the facility is consistent with the draft policy or temporary directive; or

Noncompliance Finding. Inspectors must find a standard noncompliant when:

- A. Policies and practice related to the standard are missing, or;
- B. Policies and procedures are in place for the standard but the inspector is unable to verify the practice of the policies and procedures through documentation in the file or observation, or;
- C. Practice in the facility is different than the written policies and procedures or other directive.

Inspectors must staff a partial and non-compliance with the rest of the team for a final finding.

Section Results

Section A – Administration

This section contains 32 standards consisting of; Management, Records Management, Staff Employment, Training, and Sexual Harassment & Misconduct.

Full Compliance	31 standards
Partial Compliance	1 standard
Non Compliance	0 standards

Section B – Admission & Release

The admission and release section contains 41 standards consisting of; Pre-admission Process, Admission Process, Ancillary Admission Functions, Inmate Release, and Transfer Between Facilities.

Full Compliance	41 standards
Partial Compliance	0 standards
Non Compliance	0 standards

Section C – Inmate Management

This section has 49 standards and consists of; Classification, Non-Disciplinary Restrictions, Inmate rules, Inmate Discipline, and Grievances.

Full Compliance	49 standards
Partial Compliance	0 standards
Non Compliance	0 standards

Section D – Inmate Communication

This section contains 35 standards that consists of; Mail, Visiting, and Telephone Use.

Full Compliance	35 standards
Partial Compliance	0 standards
Non Compliance	0 standards

Section E – Security & Control

This section has 56 standards consisting of; Facility Security, Surveillance & Supervision, Contraband & Searches, Criminal Acts, Use of Force & Restraints, and Emergency Plans.

Full Compliance	56 standards
Partial Compliance	0 standards
Non Compliance	0 standards

Section F – Inmate Services

This section has 22 standards dealing with; Legal Aid, Food Services, Commissary, and Laundry Services.

Full Compliance	21 standards
Partial Compliance	0 standards
Non Compliance	0 standards
Not Applicable	1 standard

Section G – Inmate Health Care

This section has 24 standards consisting of; Administration of Health Care, and Health Care Delivery.

Full Compliance	23 standards
Partial Compliance	0 standards
Non Compliance	1 standard

Section H – Sanitation & Maintenance

This section has 20 standards consisting of; Inmate Hygiene, and Facility Sanitation & Maintenance.

Full Compliance	20 standards
Partial Compliance	0 standards
Non-Compliance	0 standards

Section I – Inmate Programs & Activities

This section has 34 standards consisting of; Exercise and Out Time, Leisure Activities, Educational & Rehabilitation Programs, Working Inmates, Access to Religious Services, and Volunteers & Community Resources.

Full Compliance	31 standards
Partial Compliance	0 standards
Non-Compliance	0 standards
Not Applicable	3 standards

Totals

The inspection team reviewed 313 standards.

Total number of standards found in Full Compliance	307
Total number of standards found in Partial Compliance	1
Total number of standards found in Non Compliance	1
Total number of standards with a Not Applicable	4

Appeals and Grievances

Disagreements with specific findings in this inspection report should be submitted within 30 days to the executive director of the Oregon State Sheriff's Association (OSSA). Appeals should be clearly marked as "Appeal to inspection results – MCDC Jail Facility Inspection 2023." The appeal should explain fully the rationale behind the disagreement and include the referenced jail standard by number.

Grievances are complaints an agency may have regarding the conduct of any jail inspector, or the process. Our goal is to maintain the highest standards of professionalism in the inspector corps.

Grievances will be investigated and resolutions reported directly to the executive board of OSSA. Grievances should be in writing, filed within 30 days of the inspection report and directed to the executive director of OSSA

Conclusion

The inspection team not only inspects your written policies but we must also get a feel of how you conduct your daily facility operations. To do this we must have a thorough tour of the Jail inside and out. The tour that we received on the day of the inspection (October 26th, 2023) from Captain Parks was informative and organized. We were able to navigate throughout the facility with very little impact to the operations and see daily activities without the interruptions. We spent time in intake, varied special program areas (kitchen, medical, property, etc.), and several of the housing areas and staff areas. I am pleased to report that we found the facility to be operating well within the guidelines of the Oregon Jail Standards.

The inspection team observed your facility was quiet while still being one of the busiest facilities in the state given the large city it resides in - Portland. While you could tell that this facility was well used on a daily basis, there were obvious signs of repair and upkeep with fresh paint and readily available cleaning tools in use. The kitchen facility was especially clean. The team did get a chance to see several AICs out and about in their housing areas and using the dayroom areas. Those inmates reported professional service and that deputies were readily available if needed. During our tour we had a chance to talk to staff working that day about their duties and gave them some pointed questions regarding emergency procedures and other specific jail standards that test a person's professional knowledge. Your staff appeared prepared and knew the answers to the questions we posed and were able to describe how to respond in unusual situations.

I have been to MCDC numerous times over the past years – inspecting it on two previous occasions, and it continues to operate with a high standard given the daily struggles of the Portland population it serves. I attempted to pay particular attention to deputies and attention to duty as well as building security and safety. I did not notice any lapses and found your staff engaged in their daily duties. Captain Parks and I have worked together before and I found him to be engaged and knowledgeable about the facility that he now leads. Captain Parks knows what needs attention and can speak to those needs at a high level. Deputies Knapp and Franks provided outstanding service and assistance throughout the inspection and should be commended for their actions given their relative newness to the inspection process.

The inspection noted just a couple standards that were not in full compliance and I have made detailed notes in PowerDMS for CPT Parks to review for each of these. The only non-compliant standard involved the medical department not having a process in place for a mandatory 12 month medical

review in case an AIC is still in custody after a year in continued custody. Request forms are available, but the standard requires medical to reach out to the AIC for review at 12 months. You will want to inquire with your medical team to develop a process for this moving forward.

In the afternoon of October 26th, 2023 the exit interview was completed with your command staff. The inspectors reviewed some of the standards and areas of emphasis during the exit interview and offered detailed information on their findings as well as answered any questions posed by Sheriff's Office personnel about the process. This final report will serve as formal documentation of the OSSA inspection process being completed for the 2022-2023 inspection cycle. As stated before, full details of the inspection are available and archived in *PowerDMS*. A copy of this report will be sent to the Oregon State Sheriff's Association as well.

In conjunction with the Oregon Jail Standards Inspection I also completed the Department of Corrections Inspection at the same time. The inspection determined no discrepancies and all areas of the State inspection were fully compliant. I have sent Jail Commander Parks a PDF copy of this report and forwarded the results of the inspection to Jeremiah Stromberg representative for the Oregon Department of Corrections. Jeremiah.p.stromberg@doc.state.or.us

Thank you for the hospitality we were shown during our visit and inspection. The cooperation your staff had with our team made the process easy and the inspection to be a pleasant experience. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns about your inspection or these reports.

Sincerely,



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