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June 24, 2019

Sheriff Steve Lawson
Bradley County
2290 Blythe Avenue
Cleveland, TN. 37311

Re: Bradley County Justice Center

Dear Sheriff :

The Tennessee Corrections Institute recently conducted the annual inspection for the above named facility. The inspection revealed that this facility does not meet all the applicable minimum standards.

A re-inspection will be conducted on or about **August 15, 2019** to determine if the deficiencies have been corrected. The final report will be presented to the Board of Control at its next meeting.

The Detention Facility Specialist assigned to your region is available for any assistance that you may need.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "W. Wall", written over a horizontal line.

William Wall
Deputy Director

Cc: Gary Davis, County Mayor
William R. Kane, Detention Facility Specialist
File



TENNESSEE CORRECTIONS INSTITUTE INSPECTION REPORT

☒ Initial Inspection

☐ Re-Inspection

Name of Facility: Bradley County Justice Center

Type of Facility: I

Location: 2290 Blythe Avenue Cleveland 37311 Bradley
Street City Zip County

Facility Administrator: Steve Lawson Sheriff (423) 728-7300
Name Title Phone Number

Facility Manager: Allen Walsh Captain (423) 728-7370
Name Title Phone Number

County Mayor, City Mayor, or city Administrator: Gary Davis County Mayor (423) 728-7141
Name Title Phone Number

Location: 155 Broad Street, (P.O. Box 1167) Cleveland 37364 Bradley
Street City Zip County

William R. Kane, DFM
Detention Facilities Specialist(s)

June 20, 2019
Date Of Inspection

☐ Certify
☐ Do not certify
☒ Re-inspection required
☐ Certify with approved BOC POA (New/Updated)

INSPECTION REPORTING FORM

Date: June 20, 2019

Inspector: William R. Kane, DFM & Tonya West, DFS

Facility Name: Bradley County Justice Center

Type: I

	Not Overcrowded
	Overcrowded/County prisoners (plan attached)
X	Overcrowded /County/State Prisoners (Attach ADP Calculations)
	Currently operating under TCI approved plan
X	Capacity Change (The facility certified capacity changed from 430-male & 76-female, totaling-506 to 444-male & 66-female, totaling-510)

Information provided by:	Name	Title
	Bill Dyer	Captain
	Gwen Beavers	Lieutenant
	Anderson Sanders	Lieutenant
	Justin Miller	Sergeant
	Casey Allen	Sergeant
	Hollis Creel	Maintenance
	Carrie Colewell	RN/HSA with QCHC
	Will Decomits	Trinity Services

1400-1-.04 Physical Plant:

Deficiencies Found: Yes ☒ No ☐

(3) The inmate square footage ratio is not in compliance in male inmate housing (C-Pod, D-Pod, E-Pod, F-Pod, G-Pod, & I-Pod) and female inmate housing (H-Pod).

(8) The inmate shower ratio is not in compliance in H-Pod due to the female inmate overcrowding.

Additional Comments:

Note: The facility has a contract with Fire & Life Safety America to check & service the fire extinguishers, sprinklers (serviced 11/22/18), & kitchen hood (serviced 6/10/19). The facility has a contract with Johnson Control to check & service the Fire Panel with the last service on 1/2/19.

Note: The emergency generator is checked weekly by the facility maintenance department. The generator is serviced annually by Stowers Machinery with the last service on February 8, 2019.

1400-1-.05 Administration/Management:

Deficiencies Found: Yes ☒ No ☐

(7) The facility evacuation routes and emergency plans were last approved by Jeremy Tipton DSFM on March 23, 2018 and need to be updated.

Additional Comments:

Note: The policy & procedure was signed & approved by Sheriff Steve Lawson on September 1, 2018.

Note: The fire drills were in compliance through the May of 2019.

1400-1-.06 Personnel:

Deficiencies Found: Yes ☒ No ☐

(4) The required facility Orientation Training had not been completed by 5 of the 20 QCHC nurses currently working in medical.

Additional Comments:

1400-1-.07 Security:

Deficiencies Found: Yes ☒ No ☐[illegible]

Additional Comments:

1400-1-.08 Discipline:

Deficiencies Found: Yes ☒ No ☐

- (2) The inmates are not receiving information on the facility rules/sanctions during the booking/intake process on a consistent basis.
(5,5a,6,7) The facility inmate disciplinary process is not being conducted within the time parameters and or the documentation being filled out on a consistent basis.

Additional Comments:

1400-1-.09 Sanitation/Maintenance:

Deficiencies Found: Yes ☒ No ☐

- (1) Booking: [REDACTED]
(1) Food Service: The refrigerator floor needs to be repaired. The freezer seal on the door needs to be replaced.
(1) B-Pod: Cell 242 does not have hot water and lights needs to be repaired in cells 243, 244, & 247. The hot water in the shower needs to be repaired.
(1) C-Pod: The glass needs to be replaced in cell door 298.
(1) E-Pod: The glass needs to be replaced in cell door 344. The toilet in cell 425 needs to be repaired.
(1) F-Pod: The roof leak in cell-445 needs to be repaired & toilet needs to be repaired. The glass needs to be replaced in cell door 442 & 447 along with the outside window inside cell 443.
(1) H-Pod: The TV cables need to be secured to the wall.
(1) L-Pod: A Sink is missing a handle needs to be repaired along with a shower that is leaking.
(1) N-Pod & O-Pod: The unit sinks do not have cold water valves to supply cold water to the inmates. Recommend adding water fountain to each unit to resolve issue.
(1) B-Pod through L-Pod: The paint is peeling off of the shower floors causing potential sanitation issues. These showers need to be painted and or covered with a surface that meets industry standards.
(3) The facility daily sanitation & safety inspections are not being completed on a consistent basis.

Additional Comments:

Note: All of the inmate housing area day rooms and cell areas were very clean at the time of inspection.

Note: The facility has a contract with Cook's Pest Control to provide pest control service on a monthly basis. The last service was conducted on May 17, 2019.

1400-1-.10 Food Services:

Deficiencies Found: Yes ☒ No ☐

- (6) The daily meals served log is not being filled out on a consistent basis.

(15) [REDACTED]

Additional Comments:

Note: The facility has a contract with Trinity Food Services to conduct the food service operation.

Note: The menu pattern was approved by Jennifer Soners RD, LDN on January 15, 2019.

1400-1-.11 Mail & Visiting:

Deficiencies Found: Yes ☐ No ☒

Additional Comments:

1400-1-.12 Inmate Programs & Activities:

Deficiencies Found: Yes ☒ No ☐

- (3) The inmate recreation log showing that all inmates are allowed 1-hour of physical exercise outside of their cell each day is not being filled out on a consistent basis.

Additional Comments:

1400-1-.13 Medical Services:

Deficiencies Found: Yes ☐ No ☒

Additional Comments:

Note: The facility has a contract with QCHC (Quality Correctional Health Care) to provide all the inmate medical services.

Note: The Medical Policy & Procedure, Medical Protocol, & first aid kit approval letter was approved & signed by Dr. Johnny Bates MD on November 13, 2018. All medical licenses are up to date and on file.

Note: The facility uses QCHC & Mobile Crisis for mental health services.

Note: The annual meeting with the facility and health care provider was conducted on November 13, 2018. The facility also meets with QCHC on a monthly basis to review operational needs.

1400-1-.14 Admission, Records and Release:Deficiencies Found: Yes ☒ No ☐

(2dd) The criminal history checks are not being conducted on the inmates as part of the intake process for classification use prior to being placed in general population. Most of the criminal history checks are taking place two days after the inmate has been placed into general population.

(4) The initial phone call offered to the arrestee prior to the booking process is not being documented on a consistent basis.

(7) The booking forms regarding facility issued property are not being completed/filled out on a consistent basis.

Additional Comments:

1400-1-.15 Hygiene:Deficiencies Found: Yes ☒ No ☐

(7a, b, c, 8) The facility laundry logs concerning the sheets, towels, blankets, uniforms/clothing being exchanged or laundered & mattresses being disinfected is not being documented on a consistent basis.

Additional Comments:

1400-1-.16 Supervision of Inmates:Deficiencies Found: Yes ☒ No ☐

(1) [REDACTED]

(1) The suicide, special observation, & restraint chair checks are not being conducted within the specified time parameters on a consistent basis.

Additional Comments:

1400-1-.17 Classification:Deficiencies Found: Yes ☐ No ☒

Additional Comments:

Note: The facility classification process is very difficult to achieve in the male and female inmate housing areas due to the continued overcrowding on a daily basis.

Note: Strongly recommend filling the vacant Classification Officer position to ensure all inmates are classified properly using the criminal history information prior to the inmate being placed into general population.

☒ Initial Annual Report☐ Re-inspection

Exit Interview:

Name:

Title:

Steve Lawson

Sheriff

Bill Dyer

Captain

Gwen Beavers

Lieutenant

Comments:

Recommend for Re-Inspection on August 15, 2019. This is due to the deficiencies listed in the report. Most of the deficiencies listed in the report are due in large part to the continued overcrowding in male and female inmate housing areas along with a shortage of staff at times to fill all the designated Post on a consistent basis. The Sheriff, Captain, Lieutenant, & staff were very professional during the Team Inspection process and are to be commended on the cleanness of the facility.

Report submitted by; William R. Kane, DFM

Note: The Sheriff, Captain, & Lieutenant were advised during the exit interview that if the overcrowding and staffing levels could not be resolved by the Re-Inspection date an approved (POA) Plan of Action would be required to maintain Certification. This would require the Sheriff, County Mayor or designee to bring in a viable POA to the September 4, 2019 T.C.I. Board of Control meeting and submit it to the Board for approval.

Strongly Recommend: The facility purchase additional temporary correctional grade stack type bunks to be given to all the inmates sleeping on the floor with mats.

Note: The Tennessee Corrections Institute is authorized to grant this facility an extension not to exceed 60 days from the initial inspection to comply with minimum standards. No additional extensions may be granted. If applicable, a re-inspection will be conducted within 60 days and a recommendation will be made to the Board of Control. TCA 41-4-140, (4) (b) (1)