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Sheriff Jeff Grey
Mercer County Detention Facility
4835 State Route 29
Celina, Ohio 45822

RE: 2015-Annual Jail Inspection/Plans of Action

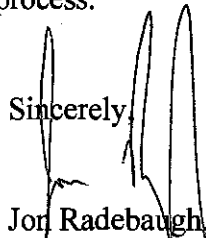
Dear Sheriff Grey:

The Bureau of Adult Detention has received the Plans of Action and additional corrective material you provided to our office in response to the 2015 annual jail inspection of the Mercer County Detention Facility. We appreciate your efforts in attempting to maintain compliance with the Standards for Jails in Ohio.

I have reviewed the provided material. The documentation will increase the level of compliance for the Mercer County Detention Facility on specific standards reviewed this year. The facility is now in compliance with Jail Standards: 5120: 1-8-03(B)(7); -03(B)(8); -03(B)(11)(b); -05(L); -12(H); and -17(D)(1)(2)(3). Additionally, a variance was granted for Standard 5120: 1-8-05(Q) on 7/11/16. This documentation brings the facility back into **Compliance** with all of the standards inspected upon in 2015 under Inspection Schedule "A".

Your continuing effort to maintain compliance with the Standards for Jails in Ohio is to be commended. Congratulations and thank you for your cooperation in the 2015 annual inspection process.

Sincerely,


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May 5, 2016

Sheriff Jeff Grey
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RE: 2015 Annual Jail Inspection

Dear Sheriff Grey:

In accordance with Section 5120.10 of the Ohio Revised Code and Executive Order 92-03 of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, the Mercer County Jail, a full-service jail, was inspected on February 8th & 9th, 2016. The inspection was restricted to assessing compliance with a group of one hundred and fifteen (115) standards, selected from the Standards for Jails in Ohio promulgated by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. The group of standards being inspected focused on reception & release, classification, security, housing, sanitation and environmental conditions, communication, visitation, medical, food service, recreation, inmate discipline, administrative segregation, grievance, staffing, and staff training. The inspection consisted of this Inspector receiving and/or reviewing requested documentation and/or materials, touring selected areas of the jail, and having a brief interview with Capt. Heinel and Chief Lange.

The total actual general housing capacity for the Mercer County Jail is (104), consisting of (0) adult males and (0) adult females, (104) mixed (either adult males or adult females), and (0) special housing beds. On the date of the jail inspection, there were (67) inmates incarcerated in the Mercer County Jail. The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction recommended housing capacity for the jail is (104), which is based upon total available living space and other requirements. Officials should maintain prisoner counts within the Department's recommended capacity figure.

The Mercer County Jail (FSJ) is in compliance with the following standards:

5120:1-8-01 (A)(01); -01(A)(3); -01(A)(4); -01(A)(7); -01(A)(9); -01(A)(12); -02(B)(1); -02(B)(2); -02(B)(4); -02(D); -03(A)(1); -03(A)(3); -03(A)(4); -03(A)(5); -03(A)(6); -03(A)(7); -03(B)(2); -03(B)(4); -03(B)(5); -03(B)(6); -03(B)(9); -03(B)(10); -03(B)(10)(b); -03(B)(10)(c); -03(B)(10)(d); -03(B)(11)(c); -03(B)(12); -03(B)(15); -03(B)(16); -03(B)(17)(a); -04(A)(4)(A); -04(B); -04(C); -04(D); -04(E); -04(F); -04(G); -04(H); -04(J); -04(A)(4)(K); -05(A); -05(B); -05(C); -05(E); -05(G)(1); -05(G)(2); -05(H)(3); -05(I); -05(J); -05(K); -05(M); -05(N); -05(O); -05(P); -06(B); -06(C); -06(G); -07(A); -07(D); -07(E); -07(H); -07(I); -09(A); -09(B); -09(C); -09(D); -09(E); -09(F); -09(G); -09(H); -09(J); -09(K); -09(M); -09(N); -09(P); -09(Q); -09(R); -09(U); -09(V); -09(W); -09(X); -10(A); -10(B); -10(C); -10(D); -10(E); -

10(F); -10(G)(1); -10(G)(2); -11(A); -11(B); -11(E); -12(B); -12(C); -12(F); -12(G); -15(B); -15(D); -15(E); -16(A); -17(E); -17(F); -17(G); -18(A); -18(B); -18(C); -18(D); -18(E).

The Mercer County Jail did not comply with (7) of the standards upon which the facility was inspected. This letter is intended to serve as a basis for developing plans of action for bringing the facility into compliance with the deficiencies noted during the inspection.

5120:1-8-03(B)(7)(Essential): Each full-service jail shall have written policies, procedures and practices to ensure personal observation checks are being completed every 60 minutes as mandated by Ohio Jail Standards. These checks must be completed at varying times and documented. A document/log reviewed on the date of the inspection showed logged times exceeding 60 minute personal observation checks.

5120:1-8-03(B)(8) (Important): Each full-service jail shall have written policies, procedures and practices to ensure special needs inmates are recognized and that the jail addresses the management of those inmates with special needs. Policy needs created and/or re-written. The current jail policy does not specifically cover special needs inmates.

5120:1-8-03(B)(11)(b)(Essential): Each full-service jail shall have written policies, procedures and practices to ensure a security inspection of the jail shall be conducted once per month. Jail policy needs updated to reflect this standard.

5120:1-8-05(L)(Essential): Each full-service jail shall ensure the jail is inspected annually by a certified local or state fire inspector applying the applicable jurisdictional and Ohio Fire Code. The jail shall have a written plan to correct any jail related deficiencies. The jail shall maintain documentation of the inspections and any corrective measures taken. The policy needs updated with a written plan to correct any deficiencies to reflect the standard.

5120:1-8-05(Q)(Essential): Each full-service jail shall have clear evacuation routes posted or clearly marked throughout the jail. The jail does not any have evacuation routes posted.

5120:1-8-12(H)(Important): Each full-service jail shall ensure disciplinary hearing requirements shall include an impartial hearing officer appointed by the jail administrator or designee; the inmate's opportunity to be heard, present evidence and question witnesses subject to limitations imposed by the hearing officer, the hearing officer shall state the reasons for any limitations in writing; a written statement by the hearing officer of the facts relied upon and reasons for the imposition of any penalties shall be provided to the inmate and a copy placed in the inmate's file; and selection by the jail administrator or designee of a staff person to assist an inmate when the inmate is unable to effectively communicate. The policy needs updated to reflect the requirements of the standard.

5120:1-8-17(D)(1)(2)(3)(Important): Each full-service jail shall have a written, implemented staffing plan that includes jail personnel assignments, days of the week and hours of the day that assignments are covered and any deviations from the plan with the respect to weekends, holidays or other atypical situations. The policy needs updated to reflect the components of the standard.

Plan of action forms are enclosed. Completed form(s) and/or corrective materials addressing the noted deficiencies must be completed and returned to Assistant Bureau Administrator Jon Radebaugh (jon.radebaugh@odrc.state.oh.us) within 45 days of receipt of this correspondence. Please feel free to contact me if you need assistance or clarification in this effort. The Department remains available to discuss the aspects of this report or to provide reference materials or assistance as desired.

Sincerely,



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