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Sheriff Donald Barrera
Highland County Jail
130 Homestead Avenue
Hillsboro, OH 45133

RE: 2017 Annual Jail Inspection

Dear Sheriff Donald Barrera:

In accordance with Section 5120.10 of the Ohio Revised Code and Executive Order 92-03 of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, the Highland County Jail, a full service jail, was inspected on 10/18/2017. The inspection was restricted to assessing compliance with a group of 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 and Mental Health Services, Food Service, Recreation and Programming, 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 discussions with various jail staff.

The total actual general housing capacity for the Highland County Jail is 72. On the date of the jail inspection, there were 76 inmates incarcerated in the Highland County Jail. The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction recommended housing capacity for the jail is 72, which is based upon total available living space and other requirements. Officials should maintain prisoner counts within the Department's recommended capacity figure.

The Highland County Jail (Full Service Jail) is in compliance with 108 standards, 51 "Essential", and 57 "Important".

5120:1-8-01 (A)(1); -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)(7); -03 (B)(9); -03 (B)(10)(a); -03 (B)(10)(b); -03 (B)(10)(c); -03 (B)(10)(d); -03 (B)(11)(b); -03 (B)(11)(c); -03 (B)(12); -03 (B)(15); -03 (B)(16); -03 (B)(17); -04 (B); -04 (C); -04 (D); -04 (E); -04 (F); -04 (H); -04 (J); -05 (A); -05 (B); -05 (C); -05 (E); -05 (G)(1); -05 (G)(2); -05 (H)(3); -05 (K); -05 (L); -05 (M); -05 (N); -05 (O); -05 (P); -05 (Q); -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 (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); -12 (H); -15 (B); -15 (D); -15 (E); -16 (A); -17 (D); -17 (E); -17 (F); -17 (G); -18 (A); -18 (B); -18 (C); -18 (D); -18 (E);

The Highland County Jail did not comply with 5 standards, 0 "Essential", and 5 "Important". 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) Each full service jail shall have written policies and procedures, and practices which evidence, that the following minimum standards are maintained. (8) (Important) In jails that recognize special needs inmates, they shall

develop their own policy to address the management of those inmates with special needs.

Comments: On the day of the inspection a special needs inmate not been given proper equipment for assisting in take a shower. Furthermore this inmate had not been offered a shower in well over the 48 hour. Jail officials should make handicap accessible furnishing available for those in need and all inmates shall be provided an opportunity for a shower not to exceed 48 hours.

5120:1-8-04 (A) (4) Full service jails shall provide inmates with sufficient space. The jail shall maintain documentation regarding square footage and maximum occupancy figures for all housing and holding areas, and shall comply with the following minimum requirements: Dayspace: (Important) Thirty-five square feet per number of occupants occupying the dayspace at one time. Minimum size of one hundred five square feet.

Comments: On the day of the inspection the jail was over the BRC. Jail officials should maintain jail population with in the BRC.

5120:1-8-04 (G) (Important) Shower facilities at a minimum of one operable shower for every twelve occupants. Water temperatures shall be controlled thermostatically in a range from one hundred five to one hundred twenty degrees Fahrenheit.

Comments: On the day of the inspection shower temperatures were too high, 138 degrees. Jail officials should lower shower temperatures into standards range.

5120:1-8-05 (I) (Important) Each inmate shall be provided the opportunity for a hot shower not to exceed forty-eight hours.

Comments: On the day of the inspection a special needs inmate not been given proper equipment for assisting in take a shower. Furthermore this inmate had not been offered a shower in well over the 48 hour. Jail officials should make handicap accessible furnishing available for those in need and all inmates shall be provided an opportunity for a shower not to exceed 48 hours.

5120:1-8-05 (J) (Important) The jail shall make provisions for inmate haircuts.

Comments: On the day of the inspection females were not given haircuts. Policy and previsions need to be made for female inmates to receive haircuts.

The Highland County Jail is in compliance with 100% of the Essential Standards and at least 90% of the Important Standards meeting the requirements of a "Compliant Jail". It should be noted however; the jail did not comply with 5 of the Important 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 back into compliance with the remaining deficiencies noted during the inspection.

The Bureau of Adult Detention encourages the jail to correct the remaining deficiencies noted in the inspection report prior to the next annual jail inspection. Plan of Action forms are enclosed and can be submitted through the Ohio Jail Management System (OHJMS) at www.OHJMS.Intelligrants.com. Feel free to contact the Bureau if you need assistance or clarification in this effort. The Bureau remains available to discuss the aspects of this report and to provide reference materials or assistance as desired.

Sincerely,

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