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Sheriff George W. Lavender Jr.
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Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

RE: 2016 – Annual Jail Inspection

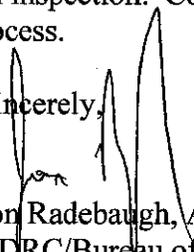
Dear Sheriff Lavender,

The Bureau of Adult Detention has received the Plans of Action and additional corrective material you forwarded to our office in response to the annual inspection of the Ross County Jail on September 19, 2016. We appreciate your efforts in attempting to maintain compliance with the Standards for Jails in Ohio.

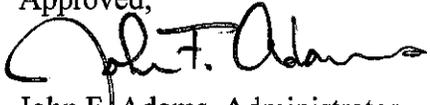
I have reviewed the provided materials. The documentation will increase the level of compliance for the Ross County Jail on specific standards reviewed this year. The facility is now in compliance with Jail Standards: 5120: 1-8-03(B)(7)(Essential); and -09(S)(Important). The facility remains out of compliance with Jail Standards: 5120: 1-8-02(A)(Important); -04(A)(2)(b)(Important); -04(A)(3)(a)(Important); -04(I)(Important); -05(G)(3)(Important); and -17(C)(Important). The Ross County Jail is now compliant with 100% of the Essential Standards and at least 90% of the Important Standards, meeting the requirements of a “**Compliant Jail**”.

Your continuing effort to maintain compliance with the Standards for Jails in Ohio is to be commended. The Bureau encourages the jail to correct the remaining deficiencies prior to the next jail inspection. Congratulations and thank you for your cooperation in the 2016 annual inspection process.

Sincerely,


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Dear Sheriff George W. Lavender Jr.:

In accordance with Section 5120.10 of the Ohio Revised Code and Executive Order 92-03 of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, the Ross County Jail, a full service jail, was inspected on 09/19/2016. 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 Ross County Jail is 157. On the date of the jail inspection, there were 195 inmates incarcerated in the Ross County Jail. The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction recommended housing capacity for the jail is 102, which is based upon total available living space and other requirements. Officials should maintain prisoner counts within the Department's recommended capacity figure.

The Ross County Jail (Full Service Jail) is in compliance with the following standards:

5120:1-8-01 (A)(10); -01 (A)(11); -01 (A)(13); -01 (A)(14); -01 (A)(15); -01 (A)(2); -01 (A)(5); -01 (A)(6); -01 (A)(8); -02 (B)(3); -02 (B)(5); -02 (B)(6); -03 (A)(1); -03 (A)(3); -03 (A)(4); -03 (A)(5); -03 (A)(6); -03 (A)(7); -03 (B)(1); -03 (B)(10) (a); -03 (B)(10)(b); -03 (B)(10)(c); -03 (B)(10)(d); -03 (B)(11)(a); -03 (B)(11)(b); -03 (B)(11)(c); -03 (B)(13); -03 (B)(14); -03 (B)(3); -03 (B)(4); -03 (B)(5); -03 (B)(6); -03 (B)(9); -04 (A)(1); -04 (A)(2a); -04 (K); -04 (L); -05 (A); -05 (B); -05 (C); -05 (D); -05 (E); -05 (F); -05 (H)(1); -05 (H)(2); -05 (H)(4); -05 (H)(5); -05 (H)(6); -05 (L); -05 (M); -05 (O); -05 (P); -05 (Q); -06 (A); -06 (D); -06 (F); -06 (H); -07 (B); -07 (C); -07 (F); -07 (G); -07 (J); -09 (A); -09 (AA); -09 (B); -09 (C); -09 (D); -09 (E); -09 (F); -09 (G); -09 (H); -09 (I); -09 (J); -09 (K); -09 (L); -09 (M); -09 (N); -09 (O); -09 (P); -09 (Q); -09 (R); -09 (T); -09 (U); -09 (V); -09 (W); -09 (X); -09 (Y); -09 (Z); -10 (A); -10 (B); -10 (C); -10 (E); -10 (F); -10 (G)(1); -10 (G) (2); -11 (C); -11 (D); -12 (A); -12 (D); -12 (E); -12 (I); -15 (A); -15 (C); -15 (F); -16 (B); -17 (A); -17 (B);

The Ross County Jail did not comply with the following listed standards. 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.

5120:1-8-02 (A) (Important) Each full service jail shall have a written inmate classification system that specifies the criteria and procedures for determining and changing the classification of inmates to determine the level of custody required, special needs, housing assignment and participation in programming. Each minimum security jail, as defined

in paragraph (A)(4) of rule 5120:1-7-02 of the Administrative Code, shall have a written inmate classification system that limits inmates housed in the jail to those sentenced or transferred by order of a judge for a traffic offense, misdemeanor or felony of the fourth or fifth degree that are not offenses of violence as defined in division (A)(9) of section 2901.01 of the Revised Code. The classification system shall include the evaluation of each inmate to determine whether the inmate is suitable to be housed in the minimum security jail. Determination to transfer an inmate from the minimum security jail shall be made by the jail administrator or designee based on the best interests of the inmate, staff and/or the safe, secure operation of the jail.

Comments: At the time of inspection, the jail's current policy and procedures did not meet all the components indicated in this standard. Policy and procedures for this standard must address procedures for determining and changing the classification of inmates to determine the level of custody, special needs, housing assignments and participation in programming.

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. (7) (Essential) Personal observation checks of inmates shall be conducted every sixty minutes on an irregular schedule. Observation checks shall be conducted at varying times and shall be documented after completion by the staff person performing the check.

Comments: At the time of the inspection, supporting documentation provided by the jail exceeded 60 minute personal observation checks. Personal observation checks of inmates shall be conducted every sixty minutes on an irregular schedule.

5120:1-8-04 (A) (2) Housing Cells: (b) (Important) One hundred square feet with seven feet least dimension for double occupancy, stacked bunks, one hundred ten square feet with nine feet least dimension for double occupancy, single bunks.

Comments: At the time of inspection, the jail has exceeded the Bureau Recommended Capacity for their facility and there does not provide the required dimensions for double occupancy as required by the state standard(s).

5120:1-8-04 (A) (3) Dormitory Sleeping Space: (a) (Important) Fifty square feet per occupant , except forty-eight square feet in jails constructed prior to 1983, wherein the formula shall be based upon the requirements of paragraph (A)(2)(a) of rule 5120:1-8-04 of the Administrative Code.

Comments: At the time of inspection, the jail has exceeded the Bureau recommended capacity for their facility, and therefore, the jail does not provide sufficient requirements for dormitory sleeping space.

5120:1-8-04 (I) (Important) Noise levels shall not exceed seventy decibels in daytime and forty-five decibels at night. Noise levels shall be documented using a sound level meter set to the A-scale (decibels.)

Comments: At the time of the inspection, noise levels exceeded seventy decibels during daytime areas. Night time readings were not provided by the jail. Noise levels shall not exceed seventy decibels in daytime and forty five at night. Noise levels shall be documented using a sound level meter set to A-scale(decibels).

5120:1-8-09 (S) (Important) Continuous quality improvement program. The health authority shall develop a continuous quality improvement (CPI) system of monitoring and reviewing, at least annually, the fundamental aspects of the jail's health/mental health care system, including but not limited to: access to care; the intake process; emergency care and hospitalizations; and, adverse inmate occurrences, including all deaths. Periodic chart reviews are included to determine the timeliness and appropriateness of the clinical care provided to inmates.

Comments: At the time of inspection, the jail had not implemented a continuous quality improvement program. After speaking with the Health Authority while at the inspection, they will implement and develop a Continuous Quality Improvement system of monitoring and reviewing at least annually, the fundamental aspects of the jail's health/mental care system, to include but not limited to : access to care; the intake process; emergency care and hospitalizations;

and adverse inmate occurrences, including all deaths. Periodic chart reviews are included to determine the timeliness and appropriateness of clinical care provided to inmates. The Continuous Quality Improvement Program was not implemented during this inspection cycle.

5120:1-8-17 (C) (Important) Annual standardized performance reviews of jail employees shall be conducted.

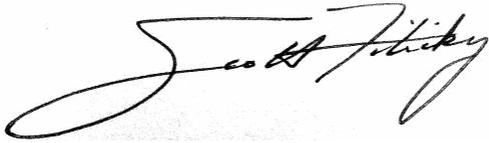
Comments: At the time of the inspection, annual standardized performance reviews of jail employees are not conducted per jail administration. Per state jail standards, annual standardized performance reviews of jail employees shall be conducted.

5120:1-8-05 (G): The jail shall maintain documentation that the following standards are met with regard to interior lighting: G3): (Important) Lighting in inmate sleeping areas shall be reducible to between two and four foot-candles, measured thirty inches above the floor.

Comments: At the time of the inspection, jail administration provided light readings that measured below the state standard in sleeping areas. The jail shall provide lighting in inmate sleeping areas that shall be reducible to between two and four foot-candles, measured thirty inches above the floor.

Plan of action forms are enclosed. Completed form(s) and/or corrective materials addressing the noted deficiencies must be completed and submitted through the Ohio Jail Management System (OHJMS) at www.OHJMS.Intelligrants.com within 45 days of receipt of this correspondence. Please 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 or to provide reference materials or assistance as desired.

Sincerely,



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