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Sheriff Chris Hilton
Sandusky County Jail
2323 Countryside Drive
Fremont, OH 43420

RE: 2017 Annual Jail Inspection

Dear Sheriff Chris Hilton:

In accordance with Section 5120.10 of the Ohio Revised Code and Executive Order 92-03 of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, the Sandusky County Jail, a full service jail, was inspected on 11/16/2017. 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 Sandusky County Jail is 88. On the date of the jail inspection, there were 70 inmates incarcerated in the Sandusky County Jail. The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction recommended housing capacity for the jail is 88, which is based upon total available living space and other requirements. Officials should maintain prisoner counts within the Department's recommended capacity figure.

The Sandusky County Jail (Full Service Jail) is in compliance with 109 standards, 52 "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)(8); -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 (F); -04 (J); -04 (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 (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 (G); -18 (A); -18 (B); -18 (C); -18 (D); -18 (E);

The Sandusky County Jail did not comply with 4 standards, 0 "Essential", and 4 "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.

5120:1-8-04 (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 had one area that was over the housing requirements (F-Dorm). Jail officials should maintain housing numbers at proper levels for that area.

5120:1-8-04 (E) (Important) Sanitation facilities shall include access to an operable flush toilet and lavatory with hot and cold potable water on a twenty-four hour a day basis without staff assistance.

Comments: On the day of the inspection some areas of the jail didn't have hot water. Jail officials should work to make sure hot and cold potable water is available on a twenty-four hour a day basis without staff assistance.

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 some areas of the jail didn't have hot water. Jail officials should work to make sure water temperatures shall be controlled thermostatically in a range from one hundred five to one hundred twenty degrees Fahrenheit..

5120:1-8-04 (H) (Important) One operable wash basin with hot and cold potable water for every twelve occupants.

Comments: On the day of the inspection hot water was not working in some areas of the jail. Jail officials should make sure hot water is operational in all areas of the jail.

The Sandusky 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 4 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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