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WARREN COUNTY JAIL 2018 INSPECTION REPORT

Criminal Justice Specialist Michael Leathers inspected the Warren County Jail on July 25, 2018. Entrance and exit interviews were conducted with Sheriff Martin Edwards.

IMPROVEMENTS SINCE LAST INSPECTION

A new video monitor has been installed.

NONCOMPLIANCES WITH *ILLINOIS COUNTY JAIL STANDARDS*

1. Insufficient separation by category

Section 701.70 of *the Standards* requires that male and female detainees be kept sight and sound separate. On the date of inspection it was observed that male and female detainees were able to verbally communicate with each other while housed in their respective blocks. Additionally, charged and convicted detainees were being housed in the same cell blocks. Jail officials indicated that these problems were due to the population level and physical structure of the jail. **Jail officials must find other arrangements for categories of jail detainees that the jail is unable to separate adequately in accordance with *the Standards*.**

2. Overcrowding of cells

The cells throughout the jail are equipped with four beds which exceeds the requirement provided in Section 701.80 of *the Standards* that requires all existing cells and detention rooms to be designated for a maximum of double occupancy (two detainees per cell or detention room). On the date of inspection cells were observed to have more than two occupants. **To comply with *the Standards*, jail officials must remove excess beds in cells to ensure a maximum occupancy of two detainees per cell.**

Mission: To serve justice in Illinois and increase public safety by promoting positive change in offender behavior, operating successful reentry programs, and reducing victimization.

3. Inadequate heating/cooling and ventilation

Detention areas are not equipped with ventilation systems capable of cooling and eliminating disagreeable odors in accordance with Section 701.80 of the Standards. **The jail infrastructure must be improved to provide a ventilation system capable of heating/cooling detention areas, eliminating odors and providing the required level of fresh or purified air flow.**

4. Insufficient sanitation

Graffiti was observed on the walls of several cell blocks. Additionally toilets, washbasins and shower stalls in living areas were observed to have levels of corrosion that prohibit adequate sanitation and a number of washbasins in detainee cells did not provide hot water. **Jail officials should make repairs to walls and plumbing equipment and ensure proper sanitation is maintained in accordance with Section 701.120 of the Standards.**

5. Faulty security equipment

During the inspection it was observed that the cell doors were unable to be locked due to a mechanical problem. **Jail officials should make repairs to the security doors to ensure proper functioning and ensure compliance with Section 701.140 of the Standards.**

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