

PREVIOUS INSPECTION _____Location _____ Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections

Courts	Jails x	Sheriff Stations

COMMISSIONER(S): TIME 5/13/2022 Miller, Veral DATE

FACILITY NAME:	NCCF			
	29340 The Old Rd, Castaic, CA 91384			
	LASD SUPERVISOR CONTACTED: Lt. Lapkin and Lt Metten			
Census:	(Capacity:appx 4400 <u>)</u> (Current Census: (2619)			
Location(s) Inspected:	Reception area (transit); 826, 827, 282			
Issues Reported to:	□ BOS □ Officer in Charge X LASD □ ISD □ OIG □ COC Lapkin			

RATING: S = Satisfactory U = Unsatisfactory CA = Corrective Action Needed N/A = Not Applicable

ITEMS		COMMENTS		
1.Conditions of Confinement				
Cells/Toilets/Sinks		The sinks in Dorm 826 appeared not to be working properly. The hot pot was leaking. Lt. Metten acknowledged problems with the hot pots.		
Showers (water temperature, rust, mold etc.)	us they are unable to se issued. A deputy who we "maximo reporting" prog advised a work order ha			
		assess a workorder status when inmates report broken showers/sinks/etc.		
Crowding		An incarcerated person in Dorm 827 complained that the beds were not 6 feet apart as required by CDC social distancing regulations. The beds appeared to be spaced about 2 feet apart.		
Cleanliness/Grafitti				
Safety, Conflict, Tension		Lt. Metten reported that there was regular tension and conflict between people incarcerated in the jail due to gang issues.		
Common Areas				
Air Quality/Temperature				
Deputy/Detainee Relations (incl. specific incidents or allegations of misconduct				
Strip Search Issues				
Access (Drinking Water)				
Access (Mail/Reading Materials/Law Library)	U	Mail is significantly delayed. Commissioner Veral reviewed mail on the deputy module in dorm 828 that had been post marked from Feb 2022. It had been received into LASD in Feb 2022 as well but had not been delivered to the recipient yet. It appears it went through several searches (at IRC, and at NCCF) and because the inmate had moved modules inside NCCF it		

	had not reached him yet. We also saw several pieces of mail postmarked received in the IRC from late March and early April 2022 (so over a month ago)
	Watch Commander/Lt. Lapkin acknowledged this time lapse, but did not have an explanation as to why it took so long to screen and deliver the mail other than the searching process. Given that mail is one of the few methods of communication with their families, lawyers, and others, and serves an important penological and rehabilitative purpose.
	In addition, people in dorms 826 and 827 complained that they lacked dominoes and chess pieces and sufficient board games. Comm. Miller raised that issue with Lt. Lapkin who acknowledged it.
Access (Toilets (for common room)	
Access (Toiletries, Appropriate Combs/Brushes)	In each of the dorms, 826, 827, and 828, the men complained that their clothes were poorly laundered, old, ripped, stretched and stained, and that sometimes they received women's underwear instead of men's. One person who was quite small complained that none of his clothes fit him because they were too large.
Access (Exercise, Religious Practice)	
Access (Legal Counsel)	Comm. Veral spoke to two people in dorm 826 who had been to court in the last couple of days. They both reported they had to get up around 330am and do not return to their cells until 11p. They said they had arrived back to NCCF at around 8p but sat in holding tanks in the NCCF reception center for over 2 ½ hours. This is a very concerning practice especially for individuals who may have to go to court on back-to-back days for trials or hearings. It was confirmed to us by LASD that inmates are not housed according to their trial status or court location so there is nothing being done to ensure people facing their criminal charges are not being forced to attend court on 3-4 hours/sleep.
	stated he had been ordered released on recognizance, but had been sent back from Men's Central Jail to NCCF because of a delay in fitting an ankle monitor. Comm. Miller asked Lt. Lapkin to follow up and check if Mr. Gilbert was eligible for release.
Access (Visitation, correspondence)	
Solitary Confinement	
Privacy/Dignity (showers, bathrooms)	There is no shower curtain in any of the units 826, 827, 828, and there are female Deputies who can observe the incarcerated men showering. Comms. Miller and Veral raised the issue with Lt. Lapkin, who said that half curtains were available, but were not used because they were repurposed for contraband. It was not clear why (given the supervision of the incarcerated men) this would be so, any more than towels or sheets which the incarcerated people said they sometimes hung over the

	showers.
Special needs populations (pregnant,	
non-ambulatory, hearing impaired, mentally	
ill, medical conditions, developmental disability)	
Module Information Postings (re: time calculations, complaint procedures, messages to SBC	
Complaint Procedures (e.g., Deputy, medical complaints – confidential procedures to SBC, OIG, COC)	
Fees Assessed/Money on Books	
Other:	
2. Nutrition Quality/concerns	
Access to special diets	

3. Trustees	
Quarters	
Training & Selection	
Workload and Hours	
Calculation/Time Served	
4. Medical Services (Access, wait times,	
responsiveness, TB and other medical screening, dental, vision; infectious disease protocol)	
5. Mental Health Services (Access, wait	
Times, treatment options, assessment procedures)	
6. Telephones Access/Functionality	
7. EBI Services Availability/Type/Access	
Volunteer Services (Type, Access, Concerns)	
Clean Clothing and Bedding (Including laundry practices)	
9. Facilities/Maintenance	
Back Log Unfilled Order(s)	
Kitchen/ Laundry	
Chemical exposure	
(kitchen, laundry, trustee duties)	
10. Deputy Staffing	
Quality of Interactions w/Detainees	
Use of Force (Last 30 days)	
Assault on Staff (Last 30 days)	
Staff Training (MH, trauma informed etc.)	
11. Detainee Complaints/Concerns	
12. Deputy Complaints/Concerns	
13. Prior Corrective Action Resolution	
14. Detainee Documentation (e.g., intake/	
release, procedures: classification, logs, detainee management files, Exit interview – policies/procedure	
grievances. generated funds, classifications)	
15. Discipline Proceedings	
16. Emergency Preparedness/Systems	
(e.g., fire extinguishers, airpack tags, emergency evacuation routes, control centers,	
emergency lighting fixtures, safety drills, First	
Aid and Suicide kits)	
17. Grounds (conditions, unlawful postings on exterior grounds (e.g., if ever been convicted cannot visit a detainee, etc.)	
18. Inspection: Special Focus	
OIG:	
coc	
COC:	
Community:	
19. COVID-19: _COC Request	
20. PREA Issues:	
21. Other:	

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