



PREVIOUS INSPECTION _____ Location _____
Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections

Courts _____ Jails x Sheriff Stations _____

COMMISSIONER(S): Sherman, Alex TIME 8-10:00am DATE 9/27/22 ^{7/27/22}

FACILITY NAME:	Men's Central Jail
ADDRESS:	441 Bauchet St / LASD SUPERVISOR CONTACTED:
Census:	(Capacity: _____) (Current Census: _____)
Location(s) Inspected:	5800, 5900
Issues Reported to:	<input type="checkbox"/> BOS <input type="checkbox"/> Officer in Charge <input type="checkbox"/> LASD <input type="checkbox"/> ISD <input type="checkbox"/> OIG <input type="checkbox"/> COC

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

ITEMS	RATING	COMMENTS
1. Conditions of Confinement		
Cells/Toilets/Sinks		
Showers (water temperature, rust, mold etc.)		
Crowding		
Cleanliness/Graffiti		
Safety, Conflict, Tension	u	Deputies report daily fights during afternoon shift.
Common Areas		
Air Quality/Temperature	u	Air conditioning not working in 5800-5900. Air temp was noticeably warm.
Deputy/Detainee Relations (incl. specific incidents or allegations of misconduct)		
Strip Search Issues	u	Inmates report they cannot have yard time unless they submit to cavity search.
Access (Drinking Water)	u	No sanitary drinking water accessible in 5800.
Access (Mail/Reading Materials/Law Library)	u	Allegations that deputies disable access to TV and Phones as collective punishment
Access (Toilets (for common room))		
Access (Toiletries, Appropriate Combs/Brushes)		
Access (Exercise, Religious Practice)		
Access (Legal Counsel)		
Access (Visitation, correspondence)	u	Allegations that deputies disable access to phone as collective punishment
Solitary Confinement		
Privacy/Dignity (showers, bathrooms)		
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)	u	Legal complaint contacts (i.e. ACLU) posted outside of cell, not visible to inmates.
Complaint Procedures (e.g., Deputy, medical complaints – confidential procedures to SBC, OIG, COC)	u	Inmates do not have access to complaint forms on demand; allegations of retaliation for filing complaints
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)		No space for counseling without Deputy supervision
6. Telephones Access/Functionality		
7. EBI Services Availability/Type/Access Volunteer Services (Type, Access, Concerns)		
8. 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: _____ Community: _____		
19. COVID-19: _COC Request_____		
20. PREA Issues: _____		Inmates complain PREA informatio not posted, suggestion that cavity searches are unnecessary and in violation of PREA
21. Other: _____		

There was no sanitary drinking water in 5800. Every water fountain in that dorm was broken and the inmates had fixed one spout using a plastic straw. Deputies confirmed there was no open work order on the drinking fountains at the time of my observation (again, they were all broken). I asked the watch commander to place an emergency work order to fix the water.

I asked deputies why they were unaware the water was not working, since they walk the dorm every 15 minutes because it is Moderate Observation Housing. They said it was not the intent of the walks to check facilities, because the walks are intended for checking inmate welfare and safety. I suggested that having access to running water is essential to inmate welfare and safety. There was some disagreement there so I asked the watch commander and watch sergeants about this and they confirmed it is the inmate's responsibility to bring these facilities issues to deputy's attention. I found this contradicted by facts because inmates were eager to tell me about these issues. The house mouse at 5800 told me there was a culture of retaliation in the dorm. (For example, deputies will disable the phones and turn the TV's off for the remainder of the shift after an inmate resists a transfer).

5800 and 5900 had high temperatures close to 80 degrees (according to a thermometer on the wall, which could easily be inaccurate, but it was definitely warm.) There was a large industrial fan in 5900 to cool things down and it was still very warm. Deputies told me there were fights happening in these dorms every day, always in the afternoon shift. I asked if they thought it might have something to do with the elevated temperature. They shrug. Again, I asked the watch commander to put an emergency work order to fix the air circulation there.

I was accompanied by Joan Hubbell during this inspection. Hubbell said she appreciated walking CJ with me. She said she appreciated the impetus of getting out of her office/ off her computer. I got the impression that she was learning new things about these dorms. She took notes on specific complaints from certain inmates related to their complaints about access to medical and mental health services. One complaint from an inmate stated that he had been waiting to see a psychiatrist since April 2022. An email from Hubbell stated that the supervising psychiatrist said this was a "typical wait with the current shortages."