



PREVIOUS INSPECTION 5/3/22 Location CRDF

Sybil Brand Commission For Institutional Inspections

Courts Jails X Sheriff Stations

COMMISSIONER(S): Grills and Miller TIME 10:15am DATE 8/21/22

FACILITY NAME:	CRDF
ADDRESS:	11705 Alameda St Lynwood, / LASD SUPERVISOR CONTACTED Watch commander on Duty: Lt. Obrien
Census:	(Capacity: <u> </u>) (Current Census: (<u>1,480</u>)
Location(s) Inspected:	Intake Center, 3800, 2100
Issues Reported to:	<input type="checkbox"/> BOS <input checked="" 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	CA	Some sinks not working in Intake Center
Showers (water temperature, rust, mold etc.)	U	Mold reported in two showers in 3800
Crowding	S	
Cleanliness/Graffiti	S	
Safety, Conflict, Tension	U	Black inmate has had security status changed without explanation
Common Areas	S	
Air Quality/Temperature	S	
Deputy/Detainee Relations (incl. specific incidents or allegations of misconduct)	U	Female inmate claims to have been sexually assaulted and retaliated against
Strip Search Issues		
Access (Drinking Water)	CA	Some sinks not working in intake center
Access (Mail/Reading Materials/Law Library)		
Access (Toilets (for common room)		
Access (Toiletries, Appropriate Combs/Brushes)		
Access (Exercise, Religious Practice)		
Access (Legal Counsel)		
Access (Visitation, correspondence)		
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)		
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)		
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/procedures 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)	S	Narcan kits clearly visible in 2100
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: _____ COVID Procedures _____ Community: _____		
19. COVID-19: _COC Request_____		
20. PREA Issues: _____	U	See notes related to allegations of sexual assault
21. Other: _____		

INSPECTION DETAILS – ANCHORED TO SUMMARY SECTIONS 1 THROUGH 17**CRDF Inspection Details
Commissioners Grills and Miller**

Escort: Required (Sgt Rice) – **new reasons given for why we needed to be escorted even though status appears now to be back to Green (unescorted) – Sgt Rice indicated that the deputies reported feeling uncomfortable with their interaction with a commissioner during inspections and for their comfort the Captain ordered that SBC commissioners be escorted.**

**Inspected: 1400 (Inmate Reception)
2600 (General Population - Level 7)
3600 (EBI)**

Intake Center

We reviewed the CRDF intake center, where phones were not working in two of the cells, and water was not working in one of the cells. We reported these issues to the Deputies on duty. In addition, concerns were raised about the placement of CCTV observation cameras (not made known to the women in custody) that make the use of the toilet by those in custody clearly visible. Whether this was necessary, whether men could observe women using the toilet, who has access to these videos was raised, and how this was gender responsive were questioned.

During IRC reception process, women on their cycle are required to remove tampons or sanitary napkins in front of deputies. They are not able to replace new tampons or pads or wash their hands after removing them until they are finally returned to a holding cell.

2100 Block

RB: #6390976

Ms. B. is housed in the 2100 Block. After a witness during public comment at the Civilian Oversight Meeting on August 19, 2022 claimed that she had been sexually assaulted, Commissioners Grills and Miller visited Ms. B, who was held in High Occupancy Housing in the 2100 block.

Sexual Assault

Ms. B complained that she had been sexually assaulted by two Sheriff Deputies, once by Deputy Hernandez, who put his hands down the front of her trousers, and once by another Deputy who pushed himself up against her without her consent, and made sexual comments after that incident. Ms B, through a third party, filed a grievance on June 29, 2022, but a Sheriff Deputy (Sergeant Martin) did not contact her until July 14, 2022 and an investigation did not begin until August 10, 2022. These details were provided by Watch Commander O'Brien and confirmed by Ms. B.

Retaliation

Ms. B also claimed retaliation by the Sheriff Deputies for filing her grievance, which was given credence by some of the conduct of the Sheriff Deputies during our visit.

Improper Medical Treatment

Ms. B complained that she had 4th Stage Cancer and had not received appropriate medication.

She also complained that she was pregnant while incarcerated, and sometime after entering CRDF she started bleeding, which lasted for 10 days during which time she asked for medical assistance because she "felt I lost my baby" but received none. 14 days after she started bleeding, medical staff told her they needed to do a Dilation and Extraction but called it a pap smear. Ms. B claims that the hospital staff interfered with her paperwork. She claims that Sergeant Martin and other officials pressured her to sign papers saying that she requested the termination of her pregnancy and to withdraw her allegations of sexual assault.

She also complained about her multiple mental health diagnoses and the multiple medication she was receiving for mental health issues. While receiving these medications she was not receiving therapy of any sort to address the mental health issues, the alleged loss of her baby, or the sexual assault. She instead felt penalized with being placed in HOH – effectively solitary confinement – being handcuffed when removed from her cell etc. This raised major questions for the commissioners regarding how the treatment of this woman in custody alleging sexual assault reflects gender responsive policy at CRDF.

Ms. B also suggested that the OIG were not taking her complaints seriously.

3800 Block

JW #4759674

Ms. W is housed in the 3800 Block. She filed a grievance, which was reviewed by Sergeant Martin and Deputy Cleveland, complaining about her security designation, which had been raised after she had been found with contraband—a needle for braiding hair—in her cell. Her security level had not been reduced though others found with more serious contraband (drugs) had been returned to general population. Her current designation prevents her from accessing Education Based Incarceration (EBI) programming. Watch Commander Lt. O'Brien explained that the Sheriffs do not control the incarcerated women's security. However, that does not explain how Ms. Williams was formerly designated at security level 5, and is now at level 8. Documentation presented to us suggested that security levels depended upon a combination of factors including CRDF Sheriff Deputies evaluations. We did not receive a clear explanation of why her status had been lower than level 8, entitling her to EBI programming.

Other complaints from the 3800 block included insufficient underwear and clothing (confirmed by Lt. O'Brien), poor water quality, and dirty air conditioners affecting air quality.

Two other complaints from other women in custody, concerning a "blocked" visit and a release date, were discussed with the watch commander, who promised to follow up on them.

Inadequate access to clean clothing noted. As one woman stated: "when clothes bins come they say due to shortages, you only get x, y, or z clothing. They are not receiving Title 15 mandated clean clothing allotments.

Other complaints shared include:

- The handling of (or lack of response to) grievances remains a complaint by women in custody at CRDF
- No inmate request forms available since the prior Thursday.
- Not receiving full dinner meals

- Shortage of toothpaste, blankets, shampoo, tampons

Finally, the issue of clear communication to prevent misunderstanding and unnecessary tensions between the women in custody and LASD personnel emerged. This time related to policies related to a variety of jail procedures. Staff on duty noted there was signage to provide information and that intake in the reception center there are informational signs and a video played. We would once again strongly urge LASD to revisit how and when it communicates basic policy and procedural information to people in custody. We reviewed posted signs and do not see these as effective tools to communicate vital information about jail policies, rules, and procedures.