



PREVIOUS INSPECTION: _____ Location: _____
Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections

Courts _____ Jails _____ Sheriff Stations _____

COMMISSIONER(S): _____ TIME _____ DATE _____

FACILITY NAME:	
ADDRESS:	/ LASD SUPERVISOR CONTACTED:
Census:	Capacity: (_____) Current Census: (_____)
Location(s) Inspected:	
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		
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)		
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/procedure grievances, generated funds, classifications)		
15. Discipline Proceedings		
16. Emergency Preparedness/Systems (e.g., fire extinguishers, air pack 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:_____		
21. Other: _____		

MCJ Kitchen

MCJ has an industrial kitchen in the basement. We inspected the kitchen and found employees and a group of trustees eating hot meals they had prepared in the kitchen, heaping mounds of pork and rice in what smelled like a curry sauce. The trustees said they were excited to eat the meal. According to the kitchen staff, the kitchen is fully functioning, but has not been used to prepare hot meals for the people incarcerated in MCJ since the start of COVID. We asked about the frequent complaint we hear from inmates that they do not get a hot meal. They said the food is prepared across the street at Twin Towers and is hot when prepared, but then it takes a long time for the meals to be delivered to inmates, and by then the meals are no longer hot. According to Title 15, inmates are to receive at least one meal per day with hot food.

4300-C – Discipline Row for people incarcerated with mental illness

4300-C is a row of double-bunk cells designated as disciplinary housing for people with mental illness. Many of the people we talked to on this row were placed here because they had been labeled “walk-outs” meaning they refused their housing placements due to concerns for their personal safety.

Inmates complained they were not receiving religious diets or hygiene products like a fish kit. Their mattresses were worn out foam pads covered with a bedsheet. They said they had missed their medical appointments due to their placement here. They say they see nurses, but never a doctor. Two people specifically just asked for a book or two to pass the time. There are no TVs here.

The deputy in the module didn't know who was there/why/and for how long, so he had no way of knowing who still got access to the store/roof/recreation/books/etc. We later spoke with Sgt Sofa on 5000 who said the deputy on the discipline row should have folders for each person and so should know who should have access to store.

We were told that when people are placed on the discipline row as a walkout, there is no formal write up created to document the reasons, and yet these people are deprived of access to personal property and appear to be withheld from medical appointments.

Further attention to this matter is needed.

5200 – MOH Housing

5200 is a dorm for people incarcerated with mental illness. It is a compressed living space with triple-bunk beds spaced shoulder-width apart. Our inspection led to interviews with all people who are incarcerated with requests for medical or mental health care. A list of medical and mental health care requests was forwarded to Dr. Belavich, Dr. Henderson, and Joan Hubbell. See below for a de-identified list of the medical and mental health concerns presented to us.

Approximately 66% of medical-related requests made to us were for psychiatric medication, while numerous other complaints related to requests for treatment of chronic health conditions.

Facilities issues here included:

- Triple bunking / inmate safety issues (see below)
- Requests for hygiene kits (nail clippers, haircut, shaves)
 - One gentleman showed me his nails that were at least 1/4 in long.
- 3-day waiting period to receive mattresses
- Extremely dirty clothing
- Complaints about meal shortages
- No hot meals being served
- Broken phones (static, family members could not hear)
- No access to complaint forms or medical request forms

Recreation time. Roof is offered at 6am on Thursdays (and it has not been offered at all since 12/8). Given the severe MH issues and the stressful conditions, as well as the cold early morning temperatures of the winter season, custody staff should consider shuffling recreation times for these modules so people have a true meaningful opportunity for outdoor time. For the mental health well-being of the inmates in these dorms, this seems very important.

Reading material. People here requested books or reading material. They said they had access to books when in MOH at TTCF. Why are reading materials restricted when the populations are the same?

Covid. People expressed concern re covid. 5200 was recently locked down for several days for covid exposure, but they were not provided any mitigation measures such as regular access to quality masks or any kind of ventilation to avoid getting sick.

Safety. Generally, the conditions in 5300 and 5200 were absolutely abysmal and appeared unsafe for many of the mentally ill people forced to live there. For example, I stood in the deputy booth and saw there was no way they could see into many parts of the dorms to provide any meaningful security or supervision. With the triple bunking, people appear to be packed in like sardines. There was no ventilation, it was hot, and the air was stagnant. These are ill people - I spoke to at least two people in 5300 who had just been at the state hospital because they had been found incompetent to stand trial in their criminal case. They had been restored and were now back in jail to face charges. These conditions are detrimental to their mental health and stability. These safety concerns are clearly related to the people who are on the "discipline" row not because they violated a jail policy but because they simply fear for their own safety.

5300 – MOH Housing ("High – discipline kickout")

5300 is a dorm for MOH housing. A document posted in the watch commander's office indicates 5300 is for higher acuity MOH inmates who are "discipline kickouts." During our inspection, deputies stood extremely close to commissioners and while they did not interject or interrupt conversations, their proximity potentially had an effect on candor. The bathroom in 5300 was in a state of significant disrepair. Drinking fountains were broken, toilets were broken, and the urinal was broken. Phones were said to be broken.

De-identified List of Medical Complaints

<u>Module</u>	<u>Psych Request?</u>	<u>Need / Complaint</u>	<u>Notes</u>
5200	Requests Psychiatric Attention / Medication	Cyst on his testicle and lump on his side; Not receiving psychiatric medication	
5200	Requests Psychiatric Attention / Medication	Distended abdomen from hernia; painful scarification on his arm from what he said was a flesh-eating bacterial infection; Not receiving psychiatric medication	
5300	Requests Psychiatric Attention / Medication	Vision request (eyeglasses); Not receiving psychiatric medication	
5300	Requests Psychiatric Attention / Medication	Having anxiety attacks from medication	
4300	Requests Psychiatric Attention / Medication	Needs to see psychiatrist.	He was agitated, scratching his arms incessantly while I spoke to him. He did not seem well (he def did NOT want to be in the dorm).
5200	Requests Psychiatric Attention / Medication	Has seizures and needs to see the Doctor ASAP.	The deputy confirmed this gentleman has regular seizures and this dorm does not seem like an appropriate place for him. Deputy confirmed they had tried to get him transferred to 8000 where he could get more care but the medical team had denied it. Most recent seizure was last Thursday.
5200	Requests Psychiatric Attention / Medication	Needs to see the psych	
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5200		Allergic to Peanut Butter.	Appears to be emaciated. Says he is losing weight.
5200		Covid vaccine booster request.	
5200		Chronic pain. 3-4 weeks chronic back pain.	
5300		Dec 2022 court order for a medical exam for an injured tailbone; says he has glaucoma, need eye drops; requests orthopedic shoes.	
5300		Requests medical attention.	
5300		Needs to see medical for pain in his foot.	
5300		Needs to see medical for gout issue.	Needs eval for special diet to address gout problem
5300		He is supposed to get a special diet but hasn't gotten it in days so he has only been eating bread	Vegan Diet - he showed me the stickers when he sometimes receives it