



PREVIOUS INSPECTION 9/7/202
Sybil Brand Commission for Institutional Inspections

Courts Jails X Sheriff Stations

COMMISSIONER(S): Sherman, Grills, Veral

TIME 8a-10a

DATE 1/31/2022

FACILITY NAME:	MCJ		
ADDRESS:	/ LASD SUPERVISOR CONTACTED: Watch Commander on Duty contacted via phone the next day to report findings and areas for followup.		
Census:	(Capacity: _____) (Current Census: (_____))		
Location(s) Inspected:	Modules 4500, 9300		
Issues Reported to:	<input type="checkbox"/> BOS <input type="checkbox"/> Officer in Charge <input checked="" 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	U	At least 4 non-working toilets in 9300; plastic wrap covered over the top. Toilets said to be not working in 9400.
Showers (water temperature, rust, mold etc.)	U	9300: Black mold all over the shower ceiling, dripping down with condensation. No hot water for showers. Near microscopic sized worms come out of the shower heads in 9300. Unable to confirm during the inspection.
Crowding	U	People incarcerated in 9300 and 4500 reported insufficient access to outdoor recreation time. For some it has been months.
Cleanliness/Graffiti	U	Significant build up of trash outside cells; little to no cleaning inside or outside cells
Safety, Conflict, Tension		Tensions and conflict between deputies and incarcerated persons observed and reported in 9500.
Common Areas		
Air Quality/Temperature	U	See below
Deputy/Detainee Relations (incl. specific incidents or allegations of misconduct)	U	Several complaints re: concerns of retaliation in 9300
Strip Search Issues		
Access (Drinking Water)		9500: No hot water is being dispensed from combination toilet/faucets, which incarcerated persons state is being used to eat soup.
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)	U	K6g and 288 inmates reported problems about access to special diets due to the fact that trustees and deputies who bring them their food are aware of their status so they do not bring the correct diet.
Module Information Postings (re: time calculations, complaint procedures, messages to SBC)		
Complaint Procedures (e.g., Deputy, medical complaints – confidential procedures to SBC, OIG, COC)		See below.
Fees Assessed/Money on Books		
2. Nutrition Quality/concerns	U	Non-dairy milks re-packaged and served in plastic containers that do not hold their seal for delivery. This is not sanitary as the seals break prior to delivery. This not only causes waste, but results in inmates not being delivered enough food to meet their dietary needs. This was observed in special meals delivered by deputies. Also several complaints that the meals (including dinner) are often cold by the time they reach the unit.
Access to special diets	U	See concern above re special needs. Also see below for detail.
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)		Male in custody (#5664569) has been unable to get mental health consultation Several men raised concern that those designated with mental health issues are placed with general population (in 9100, 9300, & 9500) putting that at physical risk and risk of bullying. Requesting clarification from Watch Commander.
6. Telephones Access/Functionality		3 out of 6 phones are non-functioning in 9300
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)		Ned to determine. At least 2 TVs not working in 4500
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		Deputies on 9000 floor report frustration with lack of signage indicating whether a module is on quarantine order, which they said causes confusion when they do not know if an incarcerated person who needs to be moved is currently housed in a facility under a quarantine order.
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)		UDAL entries do not include identifying information for person responsible for documenting the entry.
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 _____	U	Mask wearing by staff was inconsistent and unsatisfactory. Multiple staff members did not wear masks at all. Several simply wore them below their noses. Some who do not wear masks around visitors do not put on masks unless they are asked to do so. As of Jan. 31, 2022, MCJ was still utilizing a 14-day quarantine, even though DPH changed the quarantine guidelines and reduced the period of mandatory quarantine for close contacts to 10 days.
20. PREA Issues: _____		
21. Other: _____		

INSPECTION DETAILS – ANCHORED TO SUMMARY SECTIONS 1 THROUGH 17

Inspection Detail for # 1

Multiple inmates in 4500D are attempting to protect their health by preventing vents from blowing dust into their cells. They use materials such as towels or to protect themselves from the horrible air quality. A vent blowing air towards the cells on 4500D causes a thick layer of dust to cover metal grate across from the cell. One inmate states that the vent blows dirty air directly into his cell and that he once woke up with dust caking his nostrils. We are also told this inmate has not been to the roof to breathe fresh air for at least six months.

Inspection Detail for # 1

Grievance forms are not available in the boxes on the row in 4500. Also, when inmates have complicated concerns, they are told they can only include one "grievance" per form. They reported not only can they not get forms, but sometimes the complaints are more nuanced and rather than address the identified problem, deputies will just instruct them to use two forms without any resolution to the issue. This significantly delays the process.

Inspection Detail for # 2

A man in 4500 on hunger strike says he has two valid dietary restrictions -- one is medical and the other is religious. In addition, he said he is prediabetic and has started taking medication to manage his high blood pressure, which he never had to do before, and which he said is due to the malnutrition. The Watch office theory is that having two grievances for two separate dietary needs (medical and religious) is too complex for the system to handle, and the delay in getting him a nutritionist to validate the medical request is causing his frustration and that has resulted in him beginning a hunger strike on Jan 28. But he has a trail of grievances dating back 6-8 months which have evolved somewhat and that seems to be hurting his ability to be heard. For example, his grievances started out focused on tampering with his food prior to delivery (inadequate portions and apparently being delivered soap instead of food). His complaints about food in 4500 align with what we heard from numerous people on that row. One commissioner watched a staff member hand-deliver a meal where the milk container was broken and soaking the food inside the plastic bag. When we reviewed the UDAL system, it said the meals were delivered without any complaints. This complaint was relayed to the watch commander.

Inspection Detail for **OIG Request Related to: _____**

Inspection Detail for **COC Request Related to: _____**

Inspection Detail for **Community Request Related to: _____**

Inspection Detail: EBI

Categories to be defined

Inspection Detail: Medical

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Inspection Detail: Building and Maintenance

CONDITION OF GROUNDS and EXTERIOR OF BUILDING(S) (lawns, recreation area, blacktop, asphalt, other, general condition, paint, roof, drains/gutters, other)

INTERIOR OF BUILDING(S)

Walls, paint, floors, drains, plumbing fixtures working, air vents, windows:

Are cleaning fluids and chemicals labeled and safely stored?

Weapons locker present:

Recreation/sports equipment:

Are the hallways clear, are doors propped open or closed?

Holding areas (cells/rooms) – [if present], is there access to drinking water and toilet?

Condition of individual cells/rooms, or dormitories:

Beds – Type of bed and is it off the floor?

Adequate lighting:

Temperature: