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The Honorable Mary Beth Bonaventura
Lake County Juvenile Justice Complex
Lake County Superior Court – Juvenile Division
3000 W 93rd Avenue
Crown Point, Indiana 46307

RE: 2012 Inspection
Lake County Juvenile Detention Center
May 29, 2012

Dear Judge Bonaventura:

As required by 210 IAC 6, an inspection of the Lake County Juvenile Detention Center was conducted on May 29, 2012. The Lake County Juvenile Detention Center is operated by the Lake County Superior Court, and is located at 3000 W 93rd Avenue, in Crown Point, Indiana. The building was constructed in 1977 and has a rated bed capacity of 146, 64 beds were added in 2000. The Superintendent of the detention center is Robert Bennett, and the Assistant Superintendent is Dan Arendas.

This inspection constitutes the fifteenth-annual inspection of the Lake County Juvenile Detention Center. Compliance with all mandatory standards and at least 90% of the recommended standards is required to attain "Full Compliance". The inspection was conducted by Vanessa Krause, Esther Hinton, Shannon Bowling, and Kellie Whitcomb.

The inspection covered mandatory standards, and all recommended standards. A tour of the Center was conducted and detention center staff and juveniles were interviewed. Staff were well versed in policy and procedure and offered support for administration. Juveniles interviewed offered no instances of abuse and no complaints about the conditions of the facility.

Summary of Tour:

- ❖ Suggest utilizing MSDS sheets with locations of all chemicals.
- ❖ Recommend following more thorough sanitation procedures in the housing units to include pipe chases, walls, and light covers.
- ❖ Monitor torn mattresses better for repair or replace

Review of Folders:

- ❖ Some Folders had no Standard Compliance Checklist in them.
- ❖ Update policy and procedures. Policy and procedures are outdated and do not reflect current practice, which exposes administration to potential liability.
- ❖ Highlight relevant documentation in the policy and procedures used to indicate practice.
- ❖ Remove outdated forms.
- ❖ Read each standard and ensure that information placed in the folders explains that the facility meets the standard to include multiple parts of the standard.

Standards that were determined to be non-compliant:

210 IAC 6-3

3-1.46 There is a written policy and procedure that specifies support for a drug-free work place for all employees. This policy, which is reviewed at least annually, includes at a minimum the following:

- prohibition of the use of illegal drugs
- prohibition of possession of any illegal drug except in the performance of official duties
- the procedure to be used to ensure compliance
- the opportunities available for treatment and/or counseling for drug abuse
- the penalties for violation of the policy (ACA-1C-15)

No Annual Review

3-1.47 Written policy, procedure, and practice provide for an annual written performance review of each employee. The review is based on defined criteria and the results are discussed with the employee. (ACA-1C-16)

There is no evaluation procedure in practice for employee evaluations.

3-1.58 Written policy, procedure, and practice provide that all managerial staff receive 40 hours of training in addition to orientation training during their first year of employment and 40 hours of training each year thereafter. This training covers at a minimum the following areas:

- general management
- labor law
- staff/management relations
- the juvenile justice system
- relationships with other service agencies

Managerial staff is not receiving all the required training the standard requires.

3-1.59 Written policy, procedure, and practice provide that all new juvenile staff care workers receive an additional 120 hours of training during their first year of employment. At a minimum this training covers the following areas:

- security procedures
- supervision of juveniles
- signs of suicide risks
- suicide precautions
- use-of-force regulations and tactics
- report writing
- juvenile rules of conduct
- rights and responsibilities of juveniles
- fire and emergency procedures
- safety procedures
- key control
- interpersonal relations
- social/cultural lifestyles of the juvenile population
- communication skills
- first aid/CPR
- counseling techniques (ACA-1D-09)

Documentation does not cover all required classes.

3-2.96 Each sleeping room has, at a minimum, the following facilities and conditions.

- sanitation facilities, including access to toilet facilities that are available for use without staff assistance 24 hours
- A wash basin with hot and cold running water
- A bed, desk, hooks or closet space, chair or stool
- Natural light
- Temperatures that are appropriate to the summer and winter comfort zones (ACA-2C-03)

No desk or chairs in rooms and some rooms are without natural light.

3-3.166 A rule book that contains all chargeable offenses, ranges of penalties, and disciplinary procedures is given to each juvenile and staff member and is translated into those languages spoken by significant numbers of juvenile. Signed acknowledgment of receipt of the rule book is maintained in each juvenile's file. When a literacy or language problem translator assists the juvenile in understanding the rules. (ACA-3C-03)

No Spanish Rulebook

3-4.202 Written policy, procedure, and practice provide for weekly inspection of all food service areas, including dining and food preparation areas and equipment; sanitary, temperature-controlled storage facilities for all goods; and daily checks of refrigerator and water temperatures by administrative, medical, or dietary personnel. (ACA-4A-10)

**Need to show a weekly inspection of all food service areas required by standard.
(Trained Facility Staff should conduct the inspections)**

3-4.207 Written policy, procedure and practice requires weekly Sanitation Inspections of all facility areas.

Need to show a weekly inspection of sanitation. (Trained Facility Staff should conduct the inspections)

3-4.216 Written policy, procedure, and practice require that the facility provides for the thorough cleaning and, when necessary, disinfecting of juvenile personal clothing before storage or before allowing the juvenile to keep and wear personal clothing.

Clothing is not laundered at intake unless it is necessary.

3-4-217 Written policy, procedures, and practice provide for the issue of suitable clean bedding and linen, including mattress and sufficient blankets to provide comfort under existing temperature controls. There is provision for linen exchange at least weekly. Policy and procedure will address the special linen needs of juveniles. (ACA-4B-12)

This center does not provide sheets for juveniles.

The facility appears to have plumbing issues which has caused many of the cells to not have running water. The facility has started a list of cells that are down due to plumbing issues, Program review has requested the facility send us this list monthly with updates until the plumbing issues are resolved. The facility was found to be in compliance with 100% of all mandatory standards and 96.3% of the recommended standards. Attached is a certificate of "Full Compliance" issued to the center. This report becomes public information ten (10) working days from the date of mailing. Please contact me at 317-495-5965 if you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully Submitted,

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