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2014-Juvenile Detention Standards- Compliance Report

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I. Introduction

The annual inspection of the Allen County Juvenile Detention Center, for compliance with the Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards, pursuant to 210 IAC 6, was conducted on May 7th – 8th 2014, by the following team: representing the IDOC, Division of Youth Services was Kellie Whitcomb, DYS, Director of Re- Entry and External Relations; Chance Sweat, DYS, Director of Juvenile Detention Inspections; Amy Karozos, Staff Attorney, Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana and Yul Lee, JDAI Juvenile Justice Strategist.

The 2014 inspection constitutes the 18th annual inspection of the Allen County Juvenile Detention Center. The inspection consisted of the facility tours, staff and youth interviews, and a review of policy, procedure, demonstrated practice as related to the Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards. Compliance with all mandatory standards and at least 90% of the recommended standards is required to attain “Full Compliance” in accordance with the aforementioned code.

II. Facility Demographics

Rated Capacity: 142

Actual Population: 79

Average Daily Population for the last 12 months: 88

Average Length of Stay: 12 days

Full Time Staff: 80

Part- Time Staff: 0

Contracted Staff: 4

Counties served: Allen, Noble, Adams, Lagrange, DeKalb, Whitley, Stueben, Delaware, and Wells

Data system: Quest

III. Facility Description

The Allen County Juvenile Detention Center is located in the city of Fort Wayne, Indiana. The Juvenile Center opened in June 2004. The Allen County Juvenile Detention Center contains 142 beds, and connected to Juvenile Courts.

The Allen County Juvenile Detention Center Superintendent and Chief of Probation Jamie Mann oversees the detention operations with the assistance of Director of Detention Shane Armstrong. Judge Daniel Heath and Allen County Superior Court is the facility governing authority.

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The 142- bed secure detention facility consists of Main control, 118- male beds and F- Pod is used as a female unit with 24- female beds; each unit/pod has 2- day rooms with game tables; dual showers, handicap shower and storage closets; with numerous surveillance cameras; 1- diagnostic unit; multiple recreation (indoor and outdoor) areas; kitchen / dining hall services and on- site school.

IV. Facility Tour

The team toured the entire facility Todd Stubbs, Director of Training and Security accompanied the team on the tour and responded to the team's questions concerning facility operations. The facility detention staff displayed a teamwork environment between probation department and juvenile court. Detention staff interviewed took pride in being well versed in policy and procedures, and was respectful and supportive of audit team questions and needs. Juveniles were observed to be positively interacting with staff in the dining hall, in class rooms, and in their dayrooms and individual cells. The Medical and Education Departments were very organized, clean and staff was informative. The Detention Center has a nice, full- size indoor gymnasium area and staff work out gym area.

V. Conditions of Confinement

A. Security

Youth Detention staff at the Detention Center is trained to use Handle with Care Behavior Management System techniques with the youth. The Detention Center does use restraint chair with medical staff on site, and does not OC spray or any other immobilization devices or techniques. The Detention Center does use in room restriction for behavior violations and medical isolation. All isolation incidents is approved by an administrative designee and monitored visual by unit staff.

Youth Detention staff work 8 hour shifts, 4 days a week. The staff is required to wear uniforms. They wear county seal embroidered polo shirts and Khaki pants while on duty.

B. Environmental Conditions

The detention center opened in June 2004 and offers a safe and secure environment. The detention center sanitation in the facility was found to be above standard. The resident's furniture is functional and in good condition.

Youth resident's at the Detention Center wear white T- shirts tops and blue scrub type pants with their own gym shoes. The Detention Center issues slip- on shower shoes at admission.

Points of concern:

- The Detention Center uses room restriction frequently.
- Youth reported the sleeping areas are usually too hot.

C. Food Service

Youth receive and eat their meals in the dining area of the detention center. The facility dining hall was clean, and food appearance and smell was good. Meals are prepared by the Aviands food service company. The Aviands staff was friendly and very informative of food service production and more than willing to provide documentation for review.

D. Medical Services

The Allen County Juvenile Detention Center contracts medical services through a private physician, Dr. Thomas Kintanar with 3- registered on site. Through the contract: a medical physician visits the detention center at least once per week for morning sick calls and evaluations and is on-call 24 hours per day; nursing services are available 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

The Detention Center mental health care services department consists of 1- Psychologist and 3- Therapists?

E. Educational Program

The education program is made up of 10 licensed teachers are provided by Fort Wayne Community Schools including the HSE program. The Youth residents attend school daily 210 days a year, Monday thru Friday 6 hours per day. The school program includes computer access to credit recovery courses; High School Equivalent / Vocational classes; Primary, Secondary program.

F. Visitation

The Detention Center provides visitation area for youth and their parents or guardians 1 day a week. The Detention Center does not have the capability to offer non- contact visits, if necessary.

VI. Youth Interviews

Staff gave us privacy and allowed access to all juveniles. The youth were open, not hesitant, and seemed to feel comfortable about talking about the facility. Youth reported that they know the rules, felt safe and all were positive about the staff. All youth were able to call a parent or guardian when they arrived at the center. All juveniles knew how to access medical and mental health care. The youth reported being served three meals a day (including two hot meals). Two of the youth interviewed had received individual counseling while at the center. Three of the youth had participated in drug and alcohol counseling. When not in school, youth reported several activities

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that were available including basketball; watching TV; checkers; working out, and playing cards.
Points of concern:

- Youth reported that they were hungry and that they were not given enough food at mealtimes. One youth reported he had lost several pounds at the center. The director stated the center is planning to add an additional snack during the day.

VII. Special Affiliations

The Allen County Juvenile Detention Center participates in the Indiana Juvenile Detention Association (IJDA), Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiatives (JDAI), and Indiana Mental Health Screening, Assessment and Treatment Project.

VIII. Inspection Findings

A. Review of Folders

- Folders are maintained on paper files.
- The numbering and highlight of documents related to standard with good addition.
- Folders were well organized and easy to read.
- Pictures provided in the folders are great addition.

B. Recommendations

- Implement a policy, procedure, and practice of providing for thorough cleaning and, when necessary, disinfecting of juvenile personal clothing before storage or before allowing the juvenile to keep and wear personal clothing.
- Implement the practice of providing a manual of policies and procedures for operating and maintaining the facility that is accessible to all employees and the public for 2015.

C. Non- applicable and Non- compliant Standards

Of the 275 recommended compliance standards, two (2) were identified as non-applicable and one (1) were found to be non-compliant. A list of these standards is attached to this Compliance Report.

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IX. Conclusion

The Allen County Juvenile Detention Center was founded to be in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards, and 99.63 % of the recommended standards. The facility was well maintained and organized. The staff was very respectful, helpful and informative. A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten days from the date of mailing.

Please contact me at (317) 607-6507 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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Standards determined to be non- applicable and non- compliant:

2-Non- applicable:

- 1.34- If there is a commissary or canteen, strict controls are maintained over its operation and regular accounting procedures are followed: (ACA-1B-18)
- 3.147- Written policy, procedure, and practice govern the use of personal vehicles for official purposes and include provisions for insurance coverage. (ACA-3A-25)

1-Non- compliant:

- 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. (ACA-4B-11)

Comments: *Personal clothing is not laundered prior to storage.*