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2014 Juvenile Detention Inspection - Compliance Report

Elkhart County Juvenile Detention Center
114 North 2nd Street
Goshen, Indiana 46526
April 22nd and 23rd
August 7th and December 17th

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I. Introduction

The annual inspection of the Elkhart County Juvenile Detention Center, for compliance with the Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards, pursuant to 210 IAC 6, was initially conducted on April 22nd, 2014, by the following team: representing the IDOC, Division of Youth Services was Kellie Whitcomb, DYS, Director of Re-Entry and External Relations; Yul Lee, JDAI Strategist, and Chance Sweat, DYS, Director of Juvenile Detention Inspections; along with Kristin Herrmann, Youth Law T.E.A.M. of Indiana; follow-up visits were made on August 7th and December 17th, 2014,

The 2014 inspection constitutes the 19th annual inspection of the Elkhart County Juvenile Detention Center. The inspection consisted of the facility tours, staff and youth interviews, and a review of policy, procedure, demonstrate practice as related to the Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards. Compliance with 100% of the 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: 17
Actual Population: 15
Average Daily Population for the last 12 months: 15.77
Average Length of Stay: 19.4 days
Full Time Staff: 15
Part- Time Staff: 0
Contracted Staff: 1
Counties served: Elkhart
Data system: Quest, Odyssey

III. Facility Description

The Elkhart County Juvenile Detention Center is located in the city of Goshen, Indiana. The Juvenile Detention Center opened in 1986, replacing a smaller detention center previously located in Goshen, Indiana. The Elkhart County Juvenile Detention Center is a 17-bed secure detention facility that is located in a large multi-story building, previously occupied by the Elkhart County Sheriff’s Department. The jail and sheriff’s department have relocated and that portion of the building is now vacant and no longer in use.

The Elkhart County Juvenile Detention Center Director, Susan Mora, oversees the detention operations. Susan Mora reports directly to Bob Girard, Director of Elkhart County Court Services.

IV. Conditions of Confinement

A. Security

Youth Care Workers at the Center are trained to use de-escalation techniques with the youth. Additionally, they are trained in defensive tactics through Therapeutic Crisis Intervention.

B. Environmental Conditions

The initial inspection visit to the Detention Center revealed unacceptable levels of building sanitation and maintenance. A corrective action plan was developed and implemented with oversight by the Elkhart Circuit Court, Juvenile Division. Considerable improvements were quickly made to the environmental conditions of the Center. Follow-up visits on August 7th and December 17th confirm that the conditions of confinement at the Elkhart County Juvenile Detention Center have been maintained at an acceptable level.

C. Food Service

Meals are prepared at the Elkhart County Sheriff's Department and are transported to the Center and then served to the youth.

D. Medical / Mental Health Care Services

The Elkhart County Juvenile Detention Center contracts medical services through a private physician, Kendall Stephens.

The Detention Center maintains a mental health agreement with Oaklawn Psychiatric Center. The facility refers youth for mental health assessments to Kim Neff, MSW, with Oaklawn Psychiatric Center.

E. Educational Program

The Education Director is Maureen Lorman, a full time licensed teacher, paid for by the county and she possesses 2 Master's degrees in Special Education and a Bachelor's degree in Elementary Education. The facility assistant education director is Joe Dick, who is a full time licensed teacher and is paid for through Title 1 Funding. Youth attend school 5.25 hours per day. The school program includes computer access for credit recovery courses as well as earning actual high school credits; TASC prep classes; Educate Online for those youth functioning at a lower level of academics and IEP development and special education programs for targeted youth. Read 180 and System 44 are incorporated into the daily schedule to help improve reading, spelling, and comprehension. This is via computers as well as Read 80 and System 44 designated books. Students at this facility are able to access their home school academic websites and course work.

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The education area was welcoming with informational and inspirational posters on the walls and was clean and well maintained.

The Juvenile Detention Center has a nice library, provided from Title I funds through Goshen Community Schools. Students also have access to Scholastic magazines as well as National Geographic, Time, and Smithsonian.

F. Visitation

The Juvenile Detention Center provides private visitation rooms for youth and their parents or guardians 3 days weekly. The Center has the capability to offer non- contact visits, if necessary.

G. Youth Interviews

All youth reported without hesitation that they felt safe at the facility. Youth confirmed 2 hot meals are served, that enough food is served to meet their needs, and that snacks are available. One youth said parents can donate food and other commissary type snacks to the facility to be distributed to everyone on the reward level that permits snacks.

H. Special Affiliations

The Elkhart County Juvenile Detention Center participates in the Indiana Juvenile Detention Association (IJDA) and in the Indiana Mental Health Screening Assessment, and Treatment Project, and the Indiana Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative (JDAI).

V. Inspection Findings

A. Review of Folders:

- Folders containing the standards, policy and procedures, and secondary documentation are maintained on the computer.
- Highlight portions of documentation provided that are pertain to the specific standard.

B. Recommendations:

- Implement a policy, procedure and practice to ensure all exams; sick call and meds pass are being conducted in the medical / exam room area.
- Continue to conduct safety and security inspections along with maintenance inspection on a regular basis, and completing repairs as needed.

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C. Non- applicable and Non- compliant Standards

Of the 275 recommended compliance standards, three (3) standards were identified as non-applicable and six (6) standards were found to be non-compliant. A list of these standards is attached to this Compliance Report.

VI. Conclusion

Elkhart County Juvenile Detention Center was founded to be in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards, and 97.79% of the recommended standards.

The staff were 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 from Total 301 Standards
(26 Mandatory and 275 Recommended):**

3- 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)
- 1.36- Written policy, procedure, and practice provide that any financial transactions permitted between juveniles, juveniles and staff, and juveniles and volunteers be approved by designated staff. (ACA-1B-21)
- 4.254- Written policy, procedure, and practice provide for the clinical management of Chemically dependent juveniles. (ACA-4C-41)

6- Non- Compliant:

- 2.102- Handicapped juveniles are housed in a manner that provides for their safety and security. Rooms or housing units used by the handicapped are designed for their use and provide for integration with the general population. Appropriate facility programs and activities are accessible to handicapped juveniles confined in the facility. (ACA-2C-09)

Remakes: No accommodations for handicapped juveniles

- 3.132- Written policy, procedure, and practice require that when both males and females are housed in the facility, at least one male and one female staff member are on duty at all times. (ACA-3A-07)

Remakes: No accommodations for handicapped juveniles

- 4.212- There is a written housekeeping plan for the facility's physical plant. (ACA-4B-06)

Remakes: Due to sanitation levels below standard at initial inspection visit

- 4.240- Written policy, procedure and practice provide for the collection and recording of Health appraisal data and require the following:
 1. The process is completed in a uniform manner as determined by the health authority.
 2. Health history and vital signs are collected by health-trained or qualified health personnel.
 3. Review of the results of the medical examination, tests, and identification of problems is performed by a physician.
 4. Collection of all other health appraisal data is performed only by qualified health personnel. (ACA-4C-24)

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Remakes: Vital signs are to be collected

- 5.268- Written policy, procedure, and practice provide for a social services program that makes available a range of resources appropriate to the needs of juveniles, including individual, group, and family counseling; drug and alcohol treatment and special offender services. (ACA-5B-01)

Remakes: Need practice / procedure of group- family counseling – drug, alcohol treatment

- 5.269- Written policy, procedure, and practice provide that staff members are available to counsel juveniles at their request; provision is made for counseling juveniles on an emergency basis. (ACA-5B-04)

Remakes: Need to document proof that juveniles may obtain counseling if requested