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Inspection Date: February 17, 2015

Subsequent Visit Dates: June 25, 2015 and July 23, 2015

Technical Assistance Date: October 14, 2015

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INTRODUCTION

Due to new Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards being promulgated with the intent to implement in 2016, the Facility Inspection will consist of a review of only the 26 mandatory compliance standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards is required to attain “Full Compliance” in accordance with the aforementioned code. The Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services provided five (5) Training Sessions and technical assistance to assist facilities coming into compliance with the new standards.

Therefore, the 5th annual evaluation of the Pierceton Woods Academy Detention Center had three components: inspection for compliance with the 26 mandatory standards located in 210 IAC 6; participation in trainings on the new detention center standards to take effect in 2016; and participation in technical assistance offerings for compliance with the new detention center standards.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility county	Kosciusko
Governing authority	Lifeline Youth and Family Services
Name of facility administrator	Angie Helton
Detention facility's mission	Changing hearts and bringing hope to a generation at risk.
Rated capacity	9
Population on date of audit	8
Average daily population for the last 12 months	5.58
Average length of stay for the last 12 months	15.62 days
Year the building was built	2008
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings)	Replaced worn blankets, thermals, and detainee and staff uniforms
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system)	None
De-escalation techniques training	Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI)
Physical force techniques training	Defensive Tactics
Chemical agents permitted	Yes
Name of food service provider	Pierceton Woods Academy Detention Center
Name of food service supervisor	Bob Jones
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Rebecca Case, MD
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Rick DeBoest, LMHC, LCAC, CSAYC

INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 26 MANDATORY STANDARDS

Auditors	Chance Sweat and Amy Karozos
File Review of the 26 mandatory standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Zero (0) standards were identified as non-applicable, and zero (0) mandatory standards were found to be non-compliant. • Pierceton Woods Academy Detention Center was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards.
Facility Tour	The Center was found to be clean, orderly, and well-maintained.
Youth Interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two male youth were interviewed about their experiences at the Center. • Both youth reported, without hesitation, feeling safe at the facility. • Both youth stated the sleeping areas were uncomfortably cold, depending on sleeping room assignment. • Youth comments were shared with the facility administrators.
Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Documentation needs to be provided in each Standards Folder to meet every standard requirement.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update pertinent information and documents related to compliance.
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SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCED AND/OR UNANNOUNCED VISIT(S)

On 6/25/2015, a subsequent visit was conducted of the Pierceton Woods Academy Detention Center by Chance Sweat. Director Helton was observed working alone on the floor due to a staff shortage. The youth were observed in their sleeping rooms; they were not receiving recreation or education due to the staff shortage. The youth appeared to be in good health, and the dayroom and shower areas were clean and well maintained. The fire extinguisher tag was not filled out by maintenance staff, and Mrs. Helton was unable to prove the fire extinguishers were inspected due to lack of documentation from the maintenance staff.

On 7/23/2015, a second subsequent visit was conducted of the Pierceton Woods Academy Detention Center by Ms. Whitcomb, Amy Karozos, and Chance Sweat. Director Helton and Mr. Gough are planning to review all procedures, facility schedule, and floor plans to ensure all youth are participating in education and spending more time out their sleeping rooms. They are also generating ideas for a larger indoor/outdoor recreation area, reviewing the staff work schedules to make adjustments for more staff coverage, and practicing mock emergency drills. The facility fire extinguisher tag was current and filled out properly

PARTICIPATION IN NEW DETENTION CENTER STANDARDS TRAINING

<u>Introduction to the new standards</u> <u>Preparing for an Inspection</u> <u>Administration and Management Standards</u> January 13 th and 14 th , 2015	Angie Helton, Secure Detention Director Joe Gough, Residential Director
<u>Safety Standards</u> <u>Security Standards</u> March 10, 2015	Angie Helton, Secure Detention Director Joe Gough, Residential Director
<u>Programs and Services Standards</u> <u>Education Standards</u> June 2, 2015	Angie Helton, Secure Detention Director
<u>Medical Standards</u> <u>Mental Health Care Standards</u> July 21, 2015	Angie Helton, Secure Detention Director
<u>Food Service and Hygiene Standards</u> <u>Justice and Order Standards</u> September 29, 2015	Angie Helton, Secure Detention Director Bob Jones, Food Service & Hygiene

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The Pierceton Woods Academy Detention Center’s technical assistance visit occurred on October 14, 2015 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Amy Karozos. The facility was asked to prepare 10 standard files for review. The technical assistance provided included reviewing the 9 files presented, discussing the need for policy to reflect the language in the standards, and addressing the facility’s plan to meet the education, medical, and mental health standards. Future technical assistance will be offered in 2016, or as requested by the facility.

CONCLUSION

Pierceton Woods Academy Detention Center is in full compliance with the 2015 Indiana Detention Center Standards Audit performed by the Indiana Department of Correction, Division of Youth Services.

A certificate of compliance will accompany this report, which becomes public information ten (10) 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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Honorable Michael W. Reed, Kosciusko Circuit Court, pursuant to 210 IAC 8-1-5
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