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INTRODUCTION

The 2019 annual juvenile detention facility evaluations conducted by the IDOC, Division of Youth Services consisted of three on-site facility inspections; staff and youth interviews; and an audit of policy and procedure and supportive documentation of practice showing compliance with the state detention standards. There are two hundred and eighty-six proposed new Indiana Juvenile Detention Facility Standards that are in the process of being promulgated. Detention Facilities had the option to be audited on three hundred one (301) current detention standards or the corresponding two hundred and thirty-three (233) proposed new juvenile detention facility standards and four (4) current standards that will be deleted when the new standards are promulgated, for a total of two hundred and thirty-seven (237) standards.

The proposed standards include both the requirements of the current standards and new requirements not in effect; therefore, compliance for this year's audit was determined by a facility proving compliance with only the current requirements. However, facilities opting to be audited on the proposed standards did provide documentation on those new requirements and received feedback on their progress implementing them. There are two hundred and eight-six (286) total proposed standards, fifty-three (53) having exclusively new requirements. This year, facilities had the option of also providing documentation on their effort to implement these fifty-three (53) new standards. Since the proposed new requirements and new standards are not yet in effect, the facility's progress on them is not referenced in this report, though its effort, if

applicable, will be recognized in the next paragraph.

Porter County Juvenile Detention Center chose to be audited on the two hundred and thirty-seven (237) proposed juvenile detention facility standards in 2019, for their 23rd annual detention inspection. Of the two hundred and thirty-seven (237) standards audited, sixteen (16) standards require mandatory compliance and the remaining two hundred and twenty-one (221) are recommended standards. Compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards and 90% of the recommended standards is required to attain “Full Compliance.” Again, Centers that chose to be audited on the proposed detention standards were only required to meet the expectation of the current detention standards. Porter County Juvenile Detention Center chose to also provide documentation on the extra standards with exclusively new requirements. The breakdown of each audit listed below is only reflective of the current standards.

FACILITY INFORMATION

Facility county:	Porter
Governing authority:	Porter Circuit Court
Name of facility administrator:	Alison Cox
Detention Director:	Alison Cox
Detention facility’s mission:	To provide safe, secure and temporary custody to juveniles who are accused or adjudicated of conduct subject to the jurisdiction of the juvenile court, who require a physically restricting environment for their own or the community’s protection.
Rated capacity:	24
Population on date of first audit:	10
Average daily population for the last 12 months:	11.64
Average length of stay for the last 12 months:	16.15
Minor upgrades since last audit (i.e. painting, flooring, bedding, furnishings):	None
Major upgrades since last audit (i.e. plumbing, electrical, security system):	None
De-escalation techniques training:	Non-Violent Crisis Intervention-Crisis Prevention Institute (NCI CPI)
Physical force techniques training:	NCI-CPI
Chemical agents permitted:	No
Name of food service provider:	PCJDC kitchen staff
Name of food service supervisor:	Sharon Hall
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	Dr. Eric Tchaptchet, MD, Quality Correction Care (QCC)

Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification:	Aimee Christian, MSW, Porter-Starke Services (PRN), Family and Youth Service Bureau
Education Services:	The youth work on homework from home schools for those in school. TABE testing for all and then grade appropriate work for those not in school. TASC prep and testing if no longer pursuing diploma. GRADPOINT for credit recovery and grade level work when appropriate.

Standards:	<u>Safety and Security</u>
On-site Visit conducted March 20, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>58 Total Standards Audited</u> • <u>36 Total Safety Standards, 6 Mandatory and 30 Recommended</u> • <u>22 Total Security Standards, 0 Mandatory and 22 Recommended</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 1 • Number of Mandatory Standards in Compliance: 6 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 51
Auditors:	Terrie Decker and Laurie Elliott
Facility Tour:	The tour was conducted by Detention Director, Alison Cox and Assistant Director, Becky Lutz. This audit was about “space and safety”. We toured the youth living area, youth rooms, property rooms (both personal property and facility property), janitorial closet, visitation room and search area, private interview space, administrative, security areas and mechanical. We toured medical and the kitchen for proper sharps storage. And ensured that staff had access to the Emergency Manual.
Youth Interviews:	Two (2) youth were interviewed, 1 female and 1 male Youth interviews consisted of questions regarding facility safety and sanitation, living area temperatures, emergency and medical call procedures, staff supervision, restraint use, and transportation.
Youth Responses:	Neither youth commented about not feeling safe. All of their responses were appropriate as well. The male youth did comment in the section about suggestions for the facility, that there were a couple of staff that seemed to try to make the youth mad on purpose, causing the youth to lose their levels. All information was passed along to the Director and Assistant Director.
Staff Interviews:	Facility Administrator and two (2) staff were interviewed: (1) Control room operator and (1) line staff.

	<p>Facility Administrator interview consisted of questions regarding safety, overcrowding, flammable chemicals, documentation, outside transports, restraint use and emergency plans.</p> <p>Security Staff interviews consisted of questions regarding emergency and count procedures, handling toxic chemicals, sanitation procedures, log documentation, transportation procedures, restraint procedures and search procedure.</p>
Staff Responses:	<p>Facility Administrator responses were appropriate for the questions asked.</p> <p>Staff did not have any concerns associated with the questions asked. Staff were also appropriate in their responses to the questions. They had good knowledge about the required procedures.</p>
Non-compliant Standards:	None
Recommended Action:	<p>None.</p> <p>Facility staff were prepared for our audit visit. Standard submission and any questions were closed prior to our visit.</p>

Standards:	Justice & Order and Food Service & Hygiene
On-site Visit conducted June 25, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Fifty Seven Total Standards audited</u> • <u>38 Total Justice and Order Standards, 0 Mandatory and 38 Recommended</u> • <u>19 Total Food Service & Hygiene Standards, 3 Mandatory and 16 Recommended</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 • Number of Mandatory Standards in Compliance: 3 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 54
Auditors:	Terrie Decker and Kristin Herrmann
Facility Tour:	The tour was conducted by Director Alison Cox and Assistant Director Rebecca Lutz. This audit focused on food, clothing and due process. We checked on bedding in the youth's room, checked on the hygiene the youth receive and how property was cared for and stored. We toured the kitchen to ensure that all standard requirements were being met.
Youth Interviews:	<p>Two (2) youth were interviewed, 1 female and 1 male.</p> <p>Youth interviews consisted of questions regarding facility procedure</p>

	about room confinement, rules and sanctions, due process, clean bedding/clothing and mail procedures. We talk about food allergies and give them an opportunity to make suggestions about procedure and process.
Youth Responses:	Both youth were respectful and willing to answer the questions asked. Overall the youth felt like the rules and procedures were fair and well understood. Both youth had suggestions for the facility, with regard to changes, these were passed along to the Director.
Staff Interviews:	Facility Administrator, (2) line staff, intake, food services manager, visitation and mail distribution personnel were interviewed during this audit. Questions addressed property given during the intake process and the procedure for mail distribution. We inquired about visitation procedure, confinement and due process.
Staff Responses:	All staff/personnel were knowledgeable about the areas which we covered.
Non-compliant Standards:	None
Recommended Action:	None. Facility staff were prepared for our visit. Standard submission was closed prior to our visit.

Standards:	<u>Medical, Mental Health and Education</u>
On-site Visit conducted September 24, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Forty-one Total Standards audited</u> • <u>29 Total Medical Standards, 7 Mandatory and 22 Recommended</u> • <u>6 Total Mental Health Standards, Recommended</u> • <u>6 Total Education Standards, Recommended</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 0 • Number of Mandatory Standards in Compliance: 7 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 34
Auditors:	Terrie Decker and Kristin Herrmann
Facility Tour:	The tour was conducted by Director Allison Cox and Assistant Director Rebecca Lutz. This audit focused on medical, mental health and education. We talked with nursing staff and education staff. We were able to see how the medical room is set up, and to see the youth in the education setting. We also looked at other areas as the facility as we were touring.

Youth Interviews:	Both a male and female youth were interviewed.
Youth Responses:	With each audit we ask youth questions that pertain to the standards we are addressing during the audit and then ask if they have concerns or comments they would like to make. Both youth during this audit had no concerns to pass along. These statements were passed along to the Director
Staff Interviews:	Medical staff, education staff, intake and direct care staff were interviewed during this audit. The Director was also interviewed
Staff Responses:	Staff were knowledgeable about the procedures in each audit section. Medical staff noted that the policies and procedures were reviewed as required. Staff commented that they receive training as required
Non-compliant Standards:	None
Recommended Action:	None. Facility staff were prepared for our audit visit. Standard submission was complete prior to our visit.

Standards:	<u>Administration & Management and Programs & Services</u>
File Review Only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Eight-one Total Standards audited</u> • <u>61 Total Administration Standards, Recommended</u> • <u>20 Total Programming Standards, Recommended</u> • Number of Standards Not Applicable: 2 • Number of Recommended Standards in Compliance: 78
Auditors:	Kristin Herrmann
Non-compliant Standards:	8-3-14
Recommended Action:	None. This noncompliant standard references the submission of a quarterly report. Moving forward the recommendation I would make is for the 2020 audit cycle. In 2020 documentation showing proof of practice will only be accepted from the calendar year 2019. Therefore in your file preparations be mindful of the importance of early preparation and timely submission.

CONCLUSION

Porter County Juvenile Detention Center chose to be audited on the proposed standards, which corresponds with the current (301) detention standards and received a score of 100% compliance with the mandatory standards and 98% of the recommended standards.

The facility received a separate scoresheet indicating their level of compliance with the new proposed detention standards.

Therefore, Porter County Juvenile Detention Center is in compliance with the 2019 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) 452-5275 should you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully submitted,

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pursuant to 210 IAC 8-1-5(f)
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