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October 15, 2013

Honorable Mary Harper  
Porter County Circuit Court  
16 Lincoln Way  
Valparaiso, Indiana 46383

**RE: 2013 Porter County Juvenile Detention Inspection  
Conducted October 2, 2013**

Dear Judge Harper:

As required by 210 IAC 6, an inspection of the Porter County Juvenile Detention Center was conducted on October 2, 2013. Conducting the inspection were Kevin Alfont, Kellie Whitcomb, Christine Blessinger and Yul Lee.

The Porter County Juvenile Detention Center is a 24-bed secure detention facility built in 1994. The Center is located at 1660 South State Road 2, Valparaiso, Indiana. The Director is Alison Cox.

To attain "Full Compliance" the facility must comply with 100% of all mandatory standards and at least 90% of all applicable recommended standards. This is the seventeenth annual inspection of the Porter County Juvenile Detention Center.

The inspection consisted of a tour of the facility, a review of all mandatory and recommended standards and interviews with detention staff and residents. Detention staff was well versed in policy and procedure and they were very supportive of administrative staff. Residents interviewed offered no complaints or incidents of abuse or neglect.

Summary of Tour:

- During the inspection and in reviewing documentation pertaining to water/plumbing issues, there were a few problems noted: Showers dirty in the Intake Area, Lavatories dirty in Observation Cells, housing units had no hot water in one cell and toilet doesn't flush in another.

- Sanitation/maintenance issues noted were: Laundry room – needs to be cleaned behind the machines; housing areas, floors need cleaned/vacuumed and in the East Wing, the metal Carpet Strips are taped to the floor.
- Library – no access to the restroom due to missing door handle.
- Gymnasium – majority of the exercise equipment need to have the padding replaced due to rips/tears. They cannot be properly sanitized in their current condition.
- The pads for an AED Unit expired on August 13, 2013.
- The kitchen did not have a current inventory on Caustics. The last inventory was dated August 2011. This was corrected while inspectors were still on site.

Summary of Folders:

- The folders are currently electronic and appear to work properly.
- The folders were assembled for easy interpretation with good supporting documentation


**Standard #    Remarks**  
**210 IAC 6-**

**3-4.218**      Written policy, procedure, and practice provide for an approved shower schedule which allows daily showers after strenuous exercise.

**According to the activities schedules, 11.5 hours lapse from the time students are in the Gym until they get the opportunity to shower.**

The facility was found to be in compliance with 100% of all mandatory standards, and 99.63% of all recommended standards. Attached is a certificate of “Full Compliance” issued to the Center. This report becomes public information (10) ten days from the date of mailing. Please contact me (317-495-5965) if you have any questions concerning this report.

Respectfully Submitted,



Shannon Bowling  
Detention Inspector

CC:    Alison Cox, Director  
      Vanessa Krause, Director Program Review Division  
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**COMPLIANCE TALLY**

Manual Type	Juvenile Detention Facilities, 3rd Edition <b>JDC</b>
Supplement	
Facility/Program	Porter Co. Juv. Det. Center
Audit Dates	2-Oct-13
Auditors	Kevin Alfont, Kellie Whitcomb, Christine Blessinger, and Yul Lee

	MANDATORY	NON-MANDATORY
Number of Standards in the Manual	26	275
Number of Standards Not Applicable	0	3
Number of Standards Applicable	26	272
Number of Standards in Non-compliance	0	1
Number of Standards in Compliance	26	271
Percentage (%) of Standards in Compliance	100%	99.63%

The number of standards in the manual *minus* number of not-applicable standards *equals* the number of standards that are applicable.

The number of applicable standards *minus* the number of standards in non-compliance *equals* the number of standards in compliance.

The number of standards in compliance divided by the number of standards that are applicable *equals* the percentage of standards in compliance.

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This is to certify that:

**Porter County Juvenile Detention Center**

has attained

**Full Compliance**

in accordance with Indiana Juvenile Detention Standards (210 IAC 6)

Vanessa Krause  
Vanessa Krause, Director  
Program Review Division  
Indiana Department of Correction

October 18, 2013  
Date

Shannon Bowling  
Shannon Bowling, Detention Inspector  
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This certificate shall be subject to revocation at any time for failure to comply with standards

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