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Inspection Date: February 24, 2015

Subsequent Visit Date: August 6, 2015

Technical Assistance Date: October 8, 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 18th annual evaluation of the St. Joseph Probate Court Juvenile Justice 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	St. Joseph
Governing authority	St. Joseph Probate Court
Name of facility administrator	Sean Coleman
Detention facility's mission	The Detention Department and employees are dedicated in offering juveniles educational opportunities and providing safe shelter through professional supervision.
Rated capacity	90
Population on date of audit	38
Average daily population for the last 12 months	49
Average length of stay for the last 12 months	24 days
Year the building was built	1997
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	Verbal Judo/ Crisis Prevention Intervention (CPI)
Physical force techniques training	A.C.T. (Aikido Control Techniques)
Chemical agents permitted	Yes
Name of food service provider	St. Joseph Probate Court Juvenile Justice Center
Name of food service supervisor	Trenton Sturdivant
Name of health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	Sherri Fritter, RN
Name of mental health care authority individual or agency and license/certification	April Walker, MSW, LSCW

INSPECTION FOR COMPLIANCE WITH 26 MANDATORY STANDARDS

Auditors	Chance Sweat, Laurie Elliott, and Kellie Whitcomb
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. • St. Joseph Probate Court Juvenile Justice Center was in compliance with 100% of the mandatory standards.
Facility Tour	The Center is clean, orderly, and well-maintained.
Youth Interviews	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Four youth, two female and two male were interviewed about their experiences at the Center. • All youth reported, without hesitation, feeling safe at the facility. • Youth stated the sleeping rooms are uncomfortably cold. Youth acknowledged receiving an extra blanket for warmth. • Youth mentioned the sleeping room and shower water does not get hot and is only lukewarm.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Youth comments were discussed with facility administrators.
Recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider adding a copy of chemical inventory sheets to file. Number bullet points in documentation to prove standard requirements are being met.

SUBSEQUENT ANNOUNCED AND/OR UNANNOUNCED VISIT(S)

On 8/06/2015, a subsequent visit was conducted of the St. Joseph Probate Court Juvenile Justice Center by Chance Sweat. The facility tour was conducted by Detention Director Coleman. Youth were observed in their sleeping rooms due to shift change. The facility’s population count was 40. The education department was not in session due to summer break. A new mural was being done by the youth and local college students. All areas of the facility appeared to be well-maintained, and sanitation was found to be above average.

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	Sean Coleman, Director Chris Meuschke, Assistant Detention Director
<u>Safety Standards</u> <u>Security Standards</u> March 10, 2015	Sean Coleman, Director Chris Meuschke, Assistant Detention Director
<u>Programs and Services Standards</u> <u>Education Standards</u> June 2, 2015	Sean Coleman, Director
<u>Medical Standards</u> <u>Mental Health Care Standards</u> July 21, 2015	Sean Coleman, Director Chris Meuschke, Assistant Detention Director April Walker, Director of Social Services Sherri Fritter, Director of Nursing
<u>Food Service and Hygiene Standards</u> <u>Justice and Order Standards</u> September 29, 2015	Chris Meuschke, Assistant Detention Director

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

The St. Joseph Probate Court Juvenile Justice Center’s technical assistance visit occurred on October 8, 2015 and was conducted by Chance Sweat and Laurie Elliott. The facility was asked to prepare 10 standard files for review. The technical assistance provided included reviewing the 10 files presented, discussing policy needing to reflect language from the standard, 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

St. Joseph Probate Court Juvenile Justice 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 James Fox, St. Joseph Circuit Court, pursuant to 210 IAC 8-1-5
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