Inmates shall be supervised by an adequate number of jailers to comply with state law and this chapter. One jailer shall be provided on each floor of the facility where 10 or more inmates are housed, with no less than 1 jailer per 48 inmates or increment thereof on each floor for direct inmate supervision. This jailer shall provide documented visual inmate supervision not less than once every 60 minutes. Sufficient staff to include supervisors, jailers and other essential personnel as accepted by the Commission shall be provided to perform required functions.

After reviewing staffing records, it was determined that there is not a sufficient number of jailers on each shift to meet the 1 jailer to 48 inmates ratio at all times for direct inmate supervision.

Identification. Procedures for intake screening to identify inmates who are known to be or observed to be mentally disabled and/or potentially suicidal and procedures for compliance with Code of Criminal Procedure Article 16.22 and referrals to available mental health officials;

After reviewing documentation, it was determined that the magistrate is not being notified, on every occasion, as required by Article 16.22 of the Code of Criminal Procedures.

Inmates confined in a holding cell or detoxification cell shall be observed by facility personnel at intervals not to exceed 30 minutes.

After reviewing a random selection of observation logs, it was determined that jailers are exceeding the 30 minute observations of inmate in holding and detox by 2 to 17 minutes.

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