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

During the review of the holding and detox cells face-to-face observation documentation, this inspector observed that jailers exceeded the 30 minute limit between observations as established by minimum jail standards. The jailers made hourly checks rather than the required 30 minute checks.

Each sheriff/operator shall investigate and verify the veteran status of each prisoner by using data made available from the Veterans Reentry Search Service (VRSS) operated by the United States Department of Veteran Affairs or similar service.

During the review of the VRSS documentation, this inspector found that the facility was not verifying the veteran status of inmates as required by minimum jail standards utilizing the veteran database.

Inmates confined in the jail for more than 7 days shall be tested on or before the 7th day after the day of confinement.

During the review of the inmate TB testing documentation, the administration could not present documentation that 4 of the 6 inmates reviewed received TB testing on or before the 7th day of incarceration as required by minimum jail standards.

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;

During the review of the medical information, this inspector found where the administration did not notify the magistrate and/or MHMR when the mental health screening tool called for such action in 2 of the 6 files reviewed.

Provisions shall be made for at least twenty-four hours written notice to be given to the inmate of the claimed violation or charges against him/her.

The administration allowed the inmate the opportunity to waive their hearing without observing a 24 hour period after serving notice as required by minimum jail standards.

Each facility shall have and implement a written plan, approved by the Commission, for inmate physical exercise and physical recreation. Documentation of physical exercise and physical recreation shall be maintained for Commission review. Each inmate shall be allowed one hour of supervised physical exercise or physical recreation at least three days per week.

During the review of the inmate exercise documentation, this inspector observed that some inmates were not offered one hour or recreation for 3 days a week as required by minimum jail standards.

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