

**TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS
JAIL INSPECTION REPORT**

Facility Name: Sutton Co. Jail

Date:

September 15, 2016

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	263	.56	<p>Emergency power equipment shall be tested at least once each week and the electric load transferred to the circuits at least monthly.</p> <p>On the day of inspection, it was determined that a load transfer to the circuits was not conducted in January and June 2016.</p>
2	265	.3	<p>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.</p> <p>Staff is exceeding the 30 minute observations of inmates in detox and holding in excess of 30 minutes, at times.</p>
3	273	.3	<p>All medical instructions of designated physicians shall be followed.</p> <p>After reviewing an inmate medical file and interviewing the inmate, it was determined that an inmates medication was released to another inmate. The medications have not yet been refilled. Last received medication 7/16/2016.</p>
4	273	.2(1)(2)	<p>Each facility shall have and implement a written plan, approved by the Commission, for inmate medical, mental, and dental services. The plan shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) provide procedures for regularly scheduled sick calls;(2) provide procedures for referral for medical, mental, and dental services; <p>After interviewing inmates, it was determined that they have submitted requests for medical services and have not been seen by the doctor. After reviewing the inmates request to see the doctor, it was determined that one inmate had stated that he was having abdominal pain and was unable to eat. The request was sent on 9/7/2016 and an appointment has yet to be made. The second request submitted on 9/8/2016 was to receive treatment for HEP C and an appointment has not been made.</p>
5	275	.4	<p>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. A plan concurred in by both commissioners' court and sheriff's office, which provides for adequate and reasonable staffing of a facility, may be submitted to the Commission for approval. This rule shall not preclude the Texas Commission on Jail Standards from requiring staffing in excess of minimum requirements when deemed necessary to provide a safe, suitable, and sanitary facility nor preclude submission of variance requests as provided by statute or Chapter 299 of this title.</p> <p>On the day of inspection, it was determined that one jailer has resigned, leaving the facility with 4 jailers on staff. One jailer will be out on medical leave due to surgery. There is not a sufficient number of jailers to cover shifts.</p>

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- 6 279 .3 Facility Maintenance. Preventive maintenance, to include necessary repairs, shall be conducted to ensure a safe, secure, and sanitary facility.
- There is a leak in the main hall of the facility that needs to be addressed.**
The following issues were noted during the walkthrough of the facility:
Dorm- The wall is rusting in the toilet area and the shower is inoperable. The sink in the closet has no hot water.
A 3, there is no hot water in the lavatory.
B1, there is no hot or cold water in the lavatory.
B2, there is no hot water in the lavatory.
B3, there is no hot or cold water in the lavatory.
C dayroom, the intercom button has been removed and intercom is inoperable.
C1, there is no hot water in lavatory.
C2, there is no hot or cold water in lavatory.
D dayroom, the parts for the shower have been removed and the shower is inoperable.
D1, there is no hot water in the lavatory.
D2, there is no hot or cold water in the lavatory.
- 7 283 .1(3)© 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.
- After reviewing a disciplinary report, it could not be verified when the inmate was offered the right to waive a hearing.**


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