

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

Facility Name: Harrison Co. Jail

Date:

March 4-5, 2019

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	273	.5(a)(1)	<p>Training. Provisions for staff training (including frequency and duration) on the procedures for recognition, supervision, documentation, and handling of inmates who are mentally disabled and/or potentially suicidal. Supplemental training should be provided to those staff members responsible for intake screening</p> <p><b>The administration was unable to produce documentation supporting staff are receiving the required 1 hour of suicide recognition/ prevention training upon employment on new employees and 1 hour of annual training on existing employees, as outlined in the approved operation plan.</b></p>
2	273	.5(a)(5)	<p>Supervision. Provisions for adequate supervision of inmates who are mentally disabled and/or potentially suicidal and procedures for documenting supervision</p> <p><b>During the review of face-to-face observations of inmates placed on a 15 minute suicide watch as outlined in the approved operational plan, it was determined that staff exceeded the 15 minute observations by 1 minute up to 29 minutes.</b></p>
3	273	.6(3)	<p>A documented observation of the inmate shall be conducted every 15 minutes, at a minimum. The observations should include an assessment of the security of the restraints and the circulation to the extremities</p> <p><b>During the review of face-to-face observations of inmates placed in restraints, it was determined that staff exceeded the 15 minute observations by 1 minute up to 42 minutes.</b></p>
4	279	.3	<p>Facility Maintenance. Preventive maintenance, to include necessary repairs, shall be conducted to ensure a safe, secure, and sanitary facility.</p> <p><b>During the walk-through of the annex facility, the inspection team observed evidence of roof leaks in Recreation yard #2, dorms A7-1, A7-4 and A3-12. This was an issue on the FY 2018 annual inspection that was repaired but has since started leaking again.</b></p>
5	281	.5	<p>Food shall be prepared under the supervision of a staff member or contract employee and shall be served only under the immediate supervision of a staff member.</p> <p><b>The administration could not produce food handler licenses for all staff supervising the food preparation. The administration was advised any staff member supervising the preparation of food shall have a food handler license and be readily available for Commission review.</b></p>
6	283	.1(3)C	<p>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</p> <p><b>During the review of disciplinary reports, the inspection team determined staff are not allowing inmates the full 24 hour notice before offering the inmate a waiver. In some cases, the officers are serving the notice and having the inmate sign the waiver at the same time.</b></p>

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