

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

Facility Name: Jefferson County Jail

Date:

October 17, 2017

| Item | Section | Paragraph | Comments |
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| 1 | 265 | .3 | <p>Inmates confined in a holding cell or detoxification cell shall be observed by facility personnel at intervals not to exceed 30 minutes.</p> <p>After a careful review of the video submitted, it was determined that inmates in holding/detox were not observed every 30 minutes as required on date in question.</p> |
| 2 | 275 | .1 | <p>Every facility shall have the appropriate number of jailers at the facility 24 hours each day. Facilities shall have an established procedure for documented, face-to-face observation of all inmates by jailers no less than once every 60 minutes. Observation shall be performed at least every 30 minutes in areas where inmates known to be assaultive, potentially suicidal, mentally ill, or who have demonstrated bizarre behavior are confined. There shall be a two-way voice communication capability between inmates and jailers, licensed peace officers, bailiffs, and designated staff at all times. Closed circuit television may be used, but not in lieu of the required personal observation.</p> <p>After a careful review of the documentation submitted, it can be determined that the inmate in question was placed on a 15 minute, staggered suicide observation. Documentation reviewed clearly indicates that the face-to-face observations exceeded the 15 minute limit by 5 minutes up to 120 minutes prior to the inmate's medical emergency.</p> |
| 3 | 273 | .5 (a) (2) | <p>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;</p> <p>There was no documentation to support that the magistrate was notified as required by Article 16.22 of the Code of Criminal Procedure on the inmate in question.</p> |
| 4 | 273 | .5 (c) (1) (2) | <p>Check each inmate upon intake into the jail against the Department of State Health Services CCQ system to determine if the inmate has previously received state mental healthcare, unless the inmate is being housed as an out of state inmate or a federal inmate on a contractual basis. Maintain documentation to be available at the time of inspection showing that information for each inmate designated in paragraph (1) of this subsection was submitted for CCQ system checks;</p> <p>Jefferson Co. officials were unable to confirm/verify that a CCQ had been submitted through the DPS TLETS Continuity of Care Query on the inmate in question as required by minimum jail standards.</p> |



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