Training. The plan shall provide that all staff whose duties include classification, shall undergo at least four hours of training on the principles, procedures and instruments for classification assessments, housing assignments, reassessments and inmate needs.

While reviewing licensing, it was determined that 4 of the 5 jailers have not received the four (4) hours of Objective Jail Classification training 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.

While reviewing inmate files, it was determined that the jail staff are not notifying the magistrate either electronically or in writing as required by Article 16.22 of the Code of Criminal Procedures.

Staff. 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.

This inspector observed that the door to the entrance of the jail from the sheriff’s office is still being operated by the dispatch office. The dispatchers do not hold a jailers license and cannot operate secured doors to the jail or in the jail.

Balanced Diet. Except in emergency situations, meals shall be served in accordance with a written menu approved and reviewed annually for compliance with nationally recognized allowances for basic nutrition including nutritional requirements of known pregnant inmates. This approval and review shall be documented and should be performed by a licensed or provisional licensed dietitian.

While reviewing the inmate menus, it was determined that the inmate meal menus have not been approved by a licensed dietitian since 2016.

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