A custody reassessment shall be conducted within 30 - 90 days of the Initial Custody Assessment and immediately upon any disciplinary action and/or change in legal status which would affect classification. A documented classification review to determine the necessity for a complete reassessment shall be conducted every 30 - 90 days thereafter.

This inspector could not verify that inmates have been reassessed or reclassified since March of 2019.

The plan shall provide that an annual, internal audit shall be conducted on the classification system. Audit records shall be maintained for Commission review. The audit shall assess the following features of the objective classification system: (1) inmates are classified prior to placement in inmate housing; (2) inmates are housed according to their assigned custody levels; (3) the override rate is acceptable; and (4) classification instruments are completed in an accurate and timely manner.

This inspector could not verify that the staff has conducted a classification audit since the last inspection (April 24, 2019) as required by minimum jail standards.

For the protection of corrections personnel and inmates: (a) any items brought into the security perimeter of the facility by anyone should be searched for contraband; (b) any inmate who leaves the security perimeter of the facility shall be thoroughly searched for contraband before reentering the security perimeter; (c) there shall be regular and irregular searches of the entire facility area for contraband which shall be noted in a permanent facility record; (d) searches for contraband should be timed so that they cannot be anticipated by the inmates.

While documentation presented indicates searches have been conducted, the inmate cells still contain excessive amounts of contraband. It should be noted that the contractual agreement allows for the inmates to have items that this inspector considers dangerous and excessive. The officers do not remove the contraband from the inmate cells. The deficiency still exists.

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