

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

Facility Name: Menard Co. Jail

Date:

May 21, 2020

| 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>During the review of documentation for visual face-to-face observation checks of inmates in holding and detox, it was determined that staff were not conducting 30 minute welfare checks as required.</p> |
| 2 | 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>The jail staff have not been provided Suicide Prevention Training since March 2018.</p> |
| 3 | 273 | .5(b) | <p>Screening Instrument. An approved mental disabilities/suicide prevention screening instrument shall be completed immediately on all inmates admitted.</p> <p>The Suicide Screening Form was not completed on the inmate who committed suicide by hanging on May 16, 2020.</p> |
| 4 | 275 | .1 | <p>Facilities shall have an established procedure for documented, face-to-face observation of all inmates by jailers no less than once every 60 minutes.</p> <p>During review of 60 minute face to face observation checks, it was determined that staff exceeded the 60 minute welfare checks on a regular basis by as few as 1 minute up to 10 minutes.</p> |



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