Superior Court of California
County of Sacramento
Sitting as the Juvenile Court

Judicial Inspection of Juvenile Detention Facility for Suitability

Welfare and Institutions Code § 209[1]

☑ **Youth Detention Facility (Juvenile Hall)**

Date of Inspection: February 9, 2018

Superintendent: Brian Lee, Ruby Jones, Mike Frame

JUDICIAL FINDINGS

The following findings are noted in the minutes of the court:

☑ The facility as inspected by me was found to be within the minimum standards adopted by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation as noted on the attached and is suitable for the confinement of minors.

☐ The facility as inspected by me was found to not be within the minimum standards adopted by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation as noted on the attached and is not suitable for the confinement of minors.

Date: 2-9-2018

Jerilyn Borack
Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court

[1] Pursuant to Welfare and Institutions Code § 209 the judges of this Court annually inspect each juvenile commitment facility in Sacramento County that was used for the confinement of any minor in the preceding calendar year for more than twenty-four hours, in order to make a finding whether the facility is a suitable place for the confinement of minors.

FACILITY INSPECTION AREAS

I. Staffing Requirements

- [x] Meets minimum requirements for juvenile facilities
- [ ] Does not meet minimum requirements

Minimum standards:

1. The facility has an adequate number of personnel to carry out the program.
2. The facility has an adequate number of supervisory level staff to adequately supervise staff.
3. The facility has assigned an adequate number of child supervision staff to provide continuous wide-awake supervision.
   a. Awake: At least one wide-awake child supervision staff member is assigned for (each ten minors housed in Juvenile Hall) (each fifteen minors housed in a juvenile camp or ranch).
   b. Asleep: At least one wide-awake child supervision staff member is assigned for each thirty minors.
   c. At least two wide-awake child supervision staff members are on duty at all times. (If not, backup services are provided for immediate response to emergencies.)
4. The facility (does) (does not) house both males and females. The facility (does) (does not) have at least one male and one female on duty at all times.
5. The facility has at least one person on duty at all times who has training in general fire and life safety.

II. Policy and Procedure Manuals

☑ Meets minimum requirements for juvenile facilities

☐ Does not meet minimum requirements

Minimum standards:

1. The facility manual is available to all employees, is reviewed annually and is updated as necessary.
2. Staff is aware of updates and changes as the changes become effective.
3. The staff is aware of the facility's security policy regarding contraband, physical counts of minors, searches, staffing, perimeter security, fencing and lighting, vehicles, duress alarms, firearms control, training, chemical agents and mechanical restraint device.
4. The staff is aware of the facility's emergency plans, including the taking of hostages, escapes and disturbances.
5. The staff has knowledge of the evacuation plans.
6. The staff has knowledge of the proper searches for body and property to be conducted on minors and visitors.
7. The staff has knowledge of proper use of restraints, safety rooms and use of force.
8. The staff is aware of the proper writing of incident reports.
9. An orientation is provided to the minors prior to placement in living areas.
10. For minors held 30 days or more, an assessment and plan is developed for each minor within 40 days of admission which includes the following elements:
    (a) A statement of the minor's problems (including substance abuse history, educational, vocational, counseling and family reunification needs);
    (b) For pre-adjudicated minors: objectives and time frames for the resolution of identified problems; and a plan for meeting the objectives (including a description of program resources needed and individuals responsible for assuring implementation of the plan);
    (c) For post-adjudicated minors: periodic evaluation/progress toward the objectives; periodic review with the minor; a transition/aftercare plan completed prior to release; and contact with the Alta-Regional Center for Developmentally Disabled, if applicable.
11. Appropriate counseling and casework services are available to provide assistance with personal problems/needs as they arise, assistance in contacting parents, attorneys, clergymen, probation officers or other public officials when requested, and appropriate services (e.g. substance abuse, family crisis/reunification, counseling, public health and mental health).

III. Population

☑ Meets minimum requirements for juvenile facilities
☐ Does not meet minimum requirements

Population capacity: 424

Present status: 123

Length of time over capacity: 0

[Note: include only if facility is in noncompliance with population capacity.]
Though noncompliance arises from sustained occupancy levels that are above the population capacity permitted by applicable minimum standards, I find pursuant to W&I § 209(e) that the facility is not unsuitable for the confinement of minors because the conditions of the facility do not pose a serious risk to the health, safety or welfare of minors confined in the facility. I have considered the totality of the conditions, including the extent and duration of overpopulation as well as staffing, program, physical plant and medical and mental health care conditions in the facility. This finding does not exempt the facility from having to correct any violations that are not directly related to overpopulation of the facility.

IV. Room checks

☑ Meets minimum requirements for juvenile facilities
☐ Does not meet minimum requirements

Minimum standards:

1. Staff does conduct one visual observation of minors every fifteen minutes when asleep or confined to a room. Audio/visual equipment does not replace direct visual observation.
2. All checks are documented.

V. Programs and Activities

☑ Meets minimum requirements for juvenile facilities
☐ Does not meet minimum requirements

Minimum standards:

1. Education: The facility does provide an adequate level of education for minors learning abilities. Accommodations are made for minors with special needs, including non-English speaking minors. The number of teachers and classrooms is proportionate to the number of minors attending school in the facility. The classrooms have adequate supplies.
2. Social Awareness Programs: Appropriate programs are provided (e.g. victim awareness, conflict resolution, parenting skills and family reunification).
3. Recreation and Exercise (Minimum time is three hours per weekday, five hours each Saturday and Sunday or other non-school days): Appropriate recreation and exercise time is provided.
4. Religion: The minors have access to services, counseling and diets that are appropriate for their religion.
5. Work Programs and Vocational Training: Programs and training (are) (are not) available at this facility.
6. Visiting: Adequate opportunities are available for the minors to visit with their families.
7. Correspondence and Mail: Reviewing staff does practice adequate security and safety procedures while maintaining the confidentiality of the correspondence.
8. Telephone Access: Appropriate access to telephones is provided.
9. Legal Services (access and confidentiality): Minors have appropriate access to confidential interviews with their attorneys.

VI. Discipline

☑ Meets minimum requirements for juvenile facilities
☐ Does not meet minimum requirements

Minimum standards:

The definitions of minor and major rule violations are clear to each minor.

VII. Health Services

☑ Meets minimum requirements for juvenile facilities
☐ Does not meet minimum requirements

Minimum standards:

1. The facility has a physician who is responsible for clinical policy.
2. The facility has adequate materials, staff, supplies, space, equipment, and resource manuals.
3. First aid kits are readily accessible and staff aware of their locations.
4. Health education provided to the minors is age- and sex-appropriate.
5. Dental and mental health services are available and accessible to the minors.
6. Pharmaceuticals are secured.
7. The facility's suicide prevention plan does include trained staff to recognize the warning signs and counseling for the minors.
8. The facility's sexual assault plan (when the assault occurs in the facility) does include reporting the incident, examination and treatment for the minor-victim and investigation of the incident.

VIII. Food

☑ Meets minimum requirements for juvenile facilities
☐ Does not meet minimum requirements

Minimum standards:

1. The minors are allowed a minimum of twenty minutes to consume each meal, except those on a medical diet prescribed by a physician may have time that exceeds the twenty minutes.
2. At least one meal each day is hot food.
3. Menus are planned up to one month in advance and retained for one year.

IX. Clothing and Personal Hygiene

☑ Meets minimum requirements for juvenile facilities
☐ Does not meet minimum requirements

Minimum standards:

1. Clothing is clean, reasonably fitted and in good repair.
2. The facility has a contamination and/or vermin plan to clean, store or dispose of infested clothing, to eliminate spreading.
3. Minors are not deprived of showering or haircuts as part of discipline.

X. Bedding and Linen

- [x] Meets minimum requirements for juvenile facilities
- [ ] Does not meet minimum requirements

Minimum standards:

1. Bedding and linen are clean and in good repair.
2. The facility has a contamination and/or vermin plan to clean, store or dispose of infested bedding and linen, to eliminate spreading.

XI. Facility Sanitation and Safety

- [x] Meets minimum requirements for juvenile facilities
- [ ] Does not meet minimum requirements

Minimum Standards:

1. The facility is clean and safe from hazards.
2. The facility has adequate lighting inside the facility and outside the perimeter.

XII. Smoke Free Environment

- [x] Meets minimum requirements for juvenile facilities
- [ ] Does not meet minimum requirements

Minimum standards:

1. Minors are prohibited from smoking.
2. Minors are free from second-hand smoke.