

TEXAS COMMISSION ON JAIL STANDARDS
JAIL INSPECTION REPORT

Facility Name: Harrison County Jail

Date: December 15-16, 2019

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	273	.2 (7)	<p>Provide procedures for the distribution of prescriptions in accordance with written instructions from a physician by an appropriate person designated by the sheriff/operator;</p> <p>Review of Medication Administration Records failed to show that medications are distributed in accordance with written instructions from a physician.</p>
2	273	.3	<p>All medical instructions of designated physicians shall be followed.</p> <p>During the review of inmate medical records, it was determined that medication for an inmate was stopped after 7 days, when the medication was prescribed for 10 days by a physician.</p>
3	273	.6(3)	<p>Inmates exhibiting behavior indicating that they are a danger to themselves or others shall be managed in such a way as to minimize the threat of injury or harm. If restraints are determined to be necessary, they shall be used in a humane manner, only for the prevention of injury, and not as a punitive measure. A documented observation of the inmate shall be conducted every 15 minutes, at a minimum. The observations should include an assessment of the security of the restraints and the circulation to the extremities.</p> <p>Restraint chair logs indicated staff exceeded the required 15 minute observation checks by 1 to 22 minutes on multiple occasions.</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>There was no documented face-to-face observation of inmates housed on the 4th floor of the main jail facility on the day of inspection and there was no documentation of face-to face observations for the period of November 1, 2020 to December 15, 2020.</p>


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