

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

Facility Name: Coryell Co. Jail

Date:

April 19, 2023

Item	Section	Paragraph	Comments
1	269.1	(3)	<p>a separate written record of all incidents which result in physical harm or serious threat of physical harm to an employee, visitor, or inmate in a facility. Such record shall include the names of the persons involved, a description of the incident, the actions taken, and the date and time of the occurrence. Such a written record shall be prepared and submitted to the sheriff/operator within 24 hours of the incident.</p> <p>Staff were unable to produce documentation related to incidents involving physical harm or serious threat of physical harm to members of the inmate population.</p>
2	269.1	(7)	<p>Serious Incidents Report. Information on Serious Incidents Report. On or before the fifth day of each month, the sheriff/operator of each county jail shall report to the Commission, on a form prescribed by the Commission, regarding the occurrence during the preceding month any incidents involving an inmate in the county jail as required by §511.020.</p> <p>The jail failed to report known serious incidents at their facility on several different months to TCJS during their monthly submission.</p>
3	273.2	(12)	<p>provide procedures that shall require that a qualified medical professional shall review as soon as possible any prescription medication an inmate is taking when the inmate is taken into custody. These procedures shall include providing each prescription medication that a qualified medical professional or mental health professional determines is necessary for the care, treatment, or stabilization of an inmate with mental illness;</p> <p>Staff failed to have medication reviewed by a qualified professional prior to issuing medication to the inmate.</p>
4	275.2		<p>Personnel employed or appointed as jailers of county jails or personnel appointed, employed, or assigned to directly supervise jailers shall be licensed as per the requirements of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement under the provisions of Part 7 of this title. Personnel employed or appointed as jailers or personnel appointed, employed, or assigned to directly supervise jailers at facilities operated under vendor contract with a county or city shall be licensed as per the requirements of the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement under the provisions of Part 7 of this title.</p> <p>During the review of staff licensing it was determined that five staff members appointed as temporary jailers were not registered for a basic licensing course on or before the 90th day after appointment.</p>

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5 275.4 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.

The Jail failed to meet the 1 to 48 ratio for several months on various days ranging from January through March of 2023 on day and night shifts(12 hr.)

6 273.2 (3) Each facility shall have and implement a written plan, approved by the Commission, for inmate medical, mental, and dental services. The plan shall:(3) provide procedures for efficient and prompt care for acute and emergency situations.
This issue continues from the April 22 Special Inspection when the jail failed to follow the nurse's directive to take an inmate to the emergency room for further care. After a thorough investigation of several complaints, it was learned on at least two occasions that medical staff gave jail staff instructions to take inmates out of the facility for further medical care and the jail staff did not follow these instructions.

Restraints. 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

7 273.6 (3) (5) (3) 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. (5) Documentation of use of restraints shall include, but not be limited to the following: the events leading up to the need for restraints, the time the restraints were applied, the justification for their use, observations of the inmate's behavior and condition, the 15-minute checks and the time the restraints were removed.

During a Special Inspection on August 18, 2022, through a complaint it was determined that the jail staff exceeded the 15-minute observation checks by 1 to 10 minutes and the log was also deficient on the required details of types of observation checks that were performed. During this reinspection the deficiency continues as the inspection team reviewed restraint chair logs from April 2023. They observation checks that exceeded the standard by 2 to 12 minutes in time on multiple occasions on the respective logs.

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