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NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANCE ECTOR COUNTY JAIL

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Please reference the Inspection Requirements Review and Jail Inspection Report issued on May 25, 2023, detailing the specific issues that resulted in the issuance of this notice of non-compliance.

Minimum Standards Violated:	Corrective Measure Required	Date Corrective Action Must Be Completed
273.5 (3)	<p>Each sheriff/operator shall develop and implement a mental disabilities/suicide prevention plan, in coordination with available medical and mental health officials. This plan shall address the following principles and procedures: Communication. Procedures for communication of information relating to inmates who are mentally disabled and/or potentially suicidal.</p> <p>After a review of documentation of an in-custody death that occurred in February 2023, it was determined that while medical noted the inmate was suffering from psychosis and MHMR would be notified, no such notification was made.</p>	Upon receipt of this notice.
275.1	<p>Every facility shall have the appropriate number of jailers at the facility 24 hours each day. Facilities shall have an established procedure for documented face-to-face observation of all inmates by jailers no less than once every 60 minutes. Observation shall be performed at least every 30 minutes in areas where inmates known to be assaultive, potentially suicidal, mentally ill, or who have demonstrated bizarre behavior are confined.</p> <p>After a review of documentation and video evidence of an in-custody death that occurred in October 2022, it was determined that nine (9) face-to-face observations did not occur due to the inmate obstructing the view of the jailer by placing a sheet over the cell door. While the jailers made rounds within the mandated timeframe, the jailers did not view the inmate face-to-face as required by minimum jail standards.</p>	Upon receipt of this notice.

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