

Evaluation of the Dona Ana County Detention Center Conducted by Commissioners Lynn J. Ellins and Shannon Reynolds

December 13, 2019

On December 13, 2019, Commissioners Ellins and Reynolds conducted a one-half day evaluation of the Dona Ana County Detention Center. As evidenced by our evaluation sheets, attached, the Center received top marks across the board, "3" being the highest achievable score.

However there were some specific comments by several inmates, as follows:

- * No law library.
- * Food is tasteless.
- * Not enough Mexican food served.
- * Unless an inmate has at least four dollars and change in the commissary account, he/she was only given one tube of tooth paste and one bar of soap every two weeks, an unreasonably low rate of distribution.

Other observations include the following:

- * Inmates without commissary accounts should received at least one tube of tooth paste and bar of soap each week.
- * Pharmacy is clean and controlled through a computerized prescription system, but recommend that a more secure cabinet used to store controlled substances be installed. Currently a filing cabinet is used with double locks but hinges can be manipulated and bent until access is available.
- * Food offerings are varied throughout the weeks.
- * Is there a risk to the county not having at least minimal law library offerings?

DOÑA ANA COUNTY DETENTION CENTER/JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER

EVALUATION FORM

1=Poor 2Adequate/Average 3=Excellent Y=Yes N=No N/A=Not Applicable

By Commissioner ELLINS Date 12/13 Time 1:00

General Cleanliness Overview

- 1 2 3 Cleanliness of unsecured staff areas (reception, break room, offices, etc.)
- 1 2 3 Cleanliness of secured staff areas (guard pods, catwalks, etc.)
- 1 2 3 Cleanliness of common areas shared by inmates (dayrooms, recreation areas/yard, etc.)
- 1 2 3 Cleanliness of 10 randomly selected individual cells
- 1 2 3 Cleanliness of medical area
- 1 2 3 Cleanliness of kitchen area
- 1 2 3 Cleanliness of intake/booking area
- 1 2 3 Cleanliness of laundry area

General Population Inmate Information

- 1 2 3 DACDC able to provide a complete list of all inmates, including names, ages and charges
- 1 2 3 DACDC staff interacting professionally and respectfully with inmate population
- 1 2 3 DACDC inmates appear well-disciplined, respectful to visitors
- 1 2 3 DACDC inmates appear healthy and clean as to clothing, appearance and demeanor
- 1 2 3 Randomly questioned DACDC inmates indicate familiarity with rules of facility

Special Population Inmate Information

- 1 2 3 All trustees throughout facility properly and adequately supervised by staff
- 1 2 3 All medical-area inmates being appropriately treated
- 1 2 3 All discipline-area inmates being treated humanely and supervised continuously
- 1 2 3 All juvenile inmates have access to educational materials/classroom
- 1 2 3 Randomly questioned special-population inmates indicate familiarity with facility rules

Staff Information

- 1 2 3 DACDC staff take uniform pride in clothing and grooming
- 1 2 3 DACDC staff maintain order and discipline in a respectful and professional manner
- 1 2 3 DACDC staff seem uniformly familiar with procedures and ready to respond to incidents
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- 1 2 3 Randomly questioned DACDC staff indicate satisfaction with facility administration

Food

- N Portions were appropriate
- N Fresh fruit included with meal
- N Nutritional balance of meal seems appropriate to contemporary standards
- N Inspector tasted food samples and found them palatable
- 1 2 3 Food preparation process appears to be professional, sanitary

Miscellaneous

- 1 2 3 DACDC commissary is sufficiently stocked to meet demand
- 1 2 3 DACDC commissary prices are reasonable as to expected value
- 1 2 3 Mail is being screened/delivered on a timely basis

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1 2 3 DACDC staff has cooperated fully with this inspection process
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Additional Comments: no law library - \$ needed for hygiene
juv - no phone compared to other
not max in facilities not
good

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Mental Health every three weeks. Hair cut every two weeks. Once per year for teeth cleaning. Request for a Law Library which may be Risk to the county not to have it.

One bar of soap and tooth brush and paste for indigent detainees