# ICE Detention Standards Compliance Review

**JEFFERSON COUNTY JAIL** 

November 27 - 28, 2007

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

John P. Torres, Director Office of Detention and Removal

FROM:

Reviewer-In-Charge Creative Corrections

SUBJECT:

Jefferson County (Downtown) Jail Annual Detention Review

Creative Corrections conducted the Annual Detention Review (ADR) of the Jefferson County (Downtown) Jail (JCJ), Beaumont, Texas on November 27-28, 2007. The facility has an Intergovernmental Services Agreement (IGSA) with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), for the housing of ICE detainees for Under 72 hours. The facility is operated by The GEO Group. The facility houses Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainees involved in immigration proceedings. As noted on the attached documents, the team of Subject Matter Experts (SME) included; b6.b7c SME for Security; b6 SME for Health Services; b6.b7c SME for Safety; b6 , SME for Food Services; and b6.b7c RIC/Security.

## **Type of Review:**

This review is a scheduled Detention Standard Review to determine general compliance with established ICE National Detention Standards of an Under 72 Hours facility.

#### **Review Summary:**

The facility began operation in October 1981 and is accredited by the American Correctional Association (ACA) and the National Commission for Corrections (NCC).

## **Standards Compliance:**

The following information summarizes the standards reviewed and the overall compliance for this review.

March 27-30, 2006, Review		<u>November 27-28, 2007, Review</u>		
Compliant 37		Compliance	27	
Deficient	0	Deficient	1	
At Risk	0	At Risk	0	
Non-Applicable	1	Non- Applicable	0	

## Food Service – Deficient

Every facility will provide detainees in its care nutritious and appetizing meals, prepared in accordance with the highest sanitary standards.

- Currently, the Food Service Department has approximately 80% of its major equipment in need of repair or replacement. This condition continues to have a negative impact on their daily operations. The Food Administrator has developed creative means to prepare three meals a day for a population of 387 offenders. The equipment identified as in need of repair or replacement is as follows;
  - Dishwasher and pot and pan machine
  - o Steamers
  - Garbage Disposals (both)
  - Meat Slicing Equipment
  - o Food Processors
  - o Heated Serving Lines
  - o Reach Refrigerator
  - o Oven
  - o Coffee Maker
- At the time of this review, the only major equipment operating to heat and cook food was 2 electric grills, 2 steam kettles and 1 oven.
- Currently, the existing tray washing procedures utilizing trash cans in place of sanitized containers to wash, rinse, and sanitized food trays could lead to cross contamination. All large Brute containers are gray in color; these containers are used for multiple purposes; trash containers, pot and pan washing containers, and storage containers for processed food, to include raw potatoes and other food items.
- Currently, the method of storing leftovers and prepared foods is not effective. Storage containers are not labeled in a consistent manner. Reviewers observed that most of the stored food products were either not marked and/or not disposed of properly adhering to expiration dates.

## **Recommendations**

- It is recommended that an equipment review be conducted to determine the mechanical status of all equipment. This review should include;
  - Identify if a piece of equipment is worth repairing.
  - Determine the cost of repairs for each piece of equipment.
  - Develop a Plan of Action to prioritize repairs.
  - Repair and/or replace critically needed equipment first.

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- It may be possible to locate and secure surplus or low cost used equipment at a discounted price.
- It is recommended that the current tray washing procedures be reviewed to ensure that systems are in place to safeguard tray washing and prevent cross contamination.
- It is recommended that the Food Service Staff receive additional training in the areas of cross contamination, food borne illnesses, cause and effect of not following safety and sanitation procedures. The Food Administrator is very knowledgeable in all areas of the Food Service Department; however, he is focused on meal preparation, and not the overall operation to include staff training and sanitation requirements.

# **RIC Issues and Concerns**

## Intake Screening And Discharge

• Currently, property management to include monies and property is conducted by only one staff member in the presence of the detainee. The property is received and listed on a property receipt. The property receipt is signed by both the detainee and the staff member. However, the required Supervisor's signature for verification of the transaction is not consistantly obtained. The current property envelope does not reflect both staff's signatures required to maintain a chain of custody. It is recommended that a clear, see through, self sealing plastic bag be used. These bags are designed to show chain of custody, signature blocks for the detainee, the staff member receiving the valuables, date and time received, and a Supervisor's signature to verify all transactions.

## <u>Medical</u>

• While observing the evening medication distribution process, reviewers observed staff dispensing medication without verifying the detainee's identity. There was no system to ensure the detainees receiving the medication were the intended recipient of the prescribed medication. It is recommended that all medical staff be appropriately trained in this area.

## <u>Food Service</u>

• There are 2 Food Service positions vacant at this time. It is recommended that 1 of those positions be filled as soon as possible.

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## **Recommended Rating and Justification:**

It is the Reviewer-in-Charge (RIC) recommendation that the facility receive a rating of "Acceptable." It is also recommended by the RIC that a Plan of Action be required for this facility identifying necessary corrective actions.

# **<u>RIC Assurance Statement:</u>**

All findings of this review have been documented on Form CC-324B and are supported by the written documentation contained in the review file.

A. Type of Facility Reviewed       3600         □       ICE Intergovernmental Service Agreement       3600         □       ICE Staging Facility (12 to 72 hours)       G. Accreditation Certificates         B. Current Facility Review       List all State or National Accreditation[s] received:         Type of Facility Review       □       Check box if facility has no accreditation[s]         Date[s] of Facility Review       □       Check box if facility has no accreditation[s]         Date[s] of Facility Review       □       Check box if facility has no accreditation[s]         H. Problems / Complaints (Copies must be attached)       □         The Facility Review       □         03-22-23-2006       □         Previous Rating       □         △       Acceptable □ Deficient □ At-Risk
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I. Facility History
D Name and Location of Facility Date Built
Name Year 1981
Jefferson County (Downtown) Jail Date Last Remodeled or Upgraded
Address (Street and Name) N/A
1001 Pearl, Suite 104B Date New Construction / Bed space Added
City, State and Zip Code N/A
Beaumont, Texas 77701 Future Construction Planned
County I Yes No Date:
Jefferson Current Bed Space (# New Beds o
Name and Title of Chief Executive Officer 496 Number: Same Date:
(Warden/OIC/Superintendent)
b6,b7c , Warden J. Total Facility Population
Telephone # (Include Area Code)     Total Facility Intake for previous 12 months
409 b6,b7c 1269
Field Office / Sub-Office (List Office with oversight         Total ICE Mandays for Previous 12 months
responsibilities) 26 596
Houston, Texas.
Distance from Field Office K. Classification Level (ICE SPCs and CDFs Only)
90 miles L-1 L-2 L-
Adult Male 100 75 21

## E. Creative Corrections Review Team

SME Safety		
SME Food Service		
SME Medical		
SME Security		
	SME Food Service SME Medical	SME Food Service SME Medical

#### F. CDF/IGSA Information Only

Contract N	lumber	Date of Contract or IGSA		
IGA-78-0	1-0077	08-01-2001		
Basic Rates per Man-Day				
51.00	-			
Other Cha	rges: (If Nor	ne, Indicate N/A)		
N/A	; ;	;		

# L. Facility Capacity

Adult Female

	Rated	Operational	Emergency			
Adult Male	496	387	496			
Adult Female	0	0	0			
Facility holds Juveniles Offenders 16 and older as Adults						

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#### M. Average Daily Population

	ICE	USMS	Other
Adult Male	10	50	
Adult Female	0	0	0

## N. Facility Staffing Level

Security:	Support:
	2High

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#### Significant Incident Summary Worksheet

For ICE to complete its Review of your facility, the following information must be completed prior to the scheduled review dates. The information on this form should contain data for the past twelve months in the boxes provided. The information on this form is used in conjunction with the ICE detention standards in assessing your detention operations. This form should be filled out by the facility prior to the start of any inspection. Failure to complete this section will result in a delay in processing this report.

Incidents	Description	Jan – Mar	Apr – Jun	Jul – Sept	Oct – Dec
Assault:	Types (Sexual <sup>2</sup> , Physical, etc.)	0	0	0	0
Offenders on Offenders <sup>1</sup>	With Weapon	0	0	0	0
	Without Weapon	0	0	0	0
Assault:	Types (Sexual Physical, etc.)	0	0	0	0
Detainee on Staff	With Weapon	0	0	0	0
	Without Weapon	0	0	0	0
Number of Forced Moves, incl. Forced Cell moves <sup>3</sup>		0	0	0	0
Disturbances <sup>4</sup>		0	0	0	0
Number of Times Chemical Agents Used		0	0	0	0
Number of Times Special Reaction Team Deployed/Used		0	0	0	0
# Times Four/Five Point	Number/Reason (M=Medical, V=Violent Behavior, O=Other)	0	0	0	0
Restraints applied/used	Type (C=Chair, B=Bed, BB=Board, O=Other)	0	0	0	0
Offender / Detainee Medical Referrals as a result of injuries sustained.		0	0	0	0
Escapes	Attempted	0	0	0	0
	Actual	0	0	0	0
Grievances:	# Received	1	1	3	1
İ	# Resolved in favor of Offender/Detainee	1	0	2	1
Deaths	Reason (V=Violent, I=Illness, S=Suicide, A=Attempted Suicide, O=Other)	0	0	0	0
	Number	0	0	0	0
Psychiatric / Medical Referrals	# Medical Cases referred for Outside Care	0	0	0	0
	# Psychiatric Cases referred for Outside Care	0	0	0	0

Any attempted physical contact or physical contact that involves two or more offenders

Oral, anal or vaginal penetration or attempted penetration involving at least 2 parties, whether it is consenting or non-consenting

Routine transportation of detainees/offenders is not considered "forced"

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Any incident that involves four or more detainees/offenders, includes gang fights, organized multiple hunger strikes, work stoppages, hostage situations, major fires, or other large scale incidents.

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IS/ICE Detention Standards Review Summary Report Acceptable 2. Deficient 3. At - Risk 4. Repeat Finding 5. Not Applicable	
gal Access Standards	1. 2. 3. 4.
Visitation	
Telephone Access	
tainee Services.	
Admission and Release	
Classification System	
Detainee Handbook	
Food Service	
Funds and Personal Property	
Detainee Grievance Procedures	
Issuance and Exchange of Clothing, Bedding, and Towels	
Religious Practices	
althServices	
Medical Care	
Suicide Prevention and Intervention	
unity and Control.	
Contraband	
Detention Files	
Disciplinary Policy	
Emergency Plans	
Environmental Health and Safety	
Hold Rooms in Detention Facilities	
Key and Lock Control	
Population Counts	
Security Inspections	
Special Management Units (Administrative Segregation)	
Special Management Units (Disciplinary Segregation)	
Tool Control	
Transportation (Land management)	
Use of Force	
Staff / Detainee Communication	
Detainee Transfer	

#### **RIC Review Assurance Statement**

By signing below, the Reviewer-In-Charge (RIC) certifies that all findings of noncompliance with policy or inadequate controls contained in the Inspection Report are supported by evidence that is sufficient and reliable. Furthermore, findings of noteworthy accomplishments are supported by sufficient and reliable evidence. Within the scope of the review, the facility is operating in accordance with applicable law and policy, and property and resources are efficiently used and adequately safeguarded, except for the deficiencies noted in the report.

Reviewer-In-Charge: (Print Name)	Bohby Compton, Signature	
b6,b7c	401 b6,b7c	
Title & Duty Location	Date	
RIC Creative Corrections	12-1-2007	

**Team Members** 

Print Name, Title, & Duty Location	Print Name, Title, & Duty Location		
b6,b7c Print Name, Title, & Duty Location	b6 Print Name, Title, & Duty Location		
b6	b6,b7c		

# **RIC Rating Recommendation:**

Acceptable
Deficient
At-Risk

Comments:

# MANAGEMENT REVIEW

Revie	ew Authority				

The signature below constitutes review of this report and acceptance by the Review Authority. FOD/OIC/CEO will have 30 days from receipt of this report to respond to all findings and recommendations.

	HQDRO MANAGEMENT REVIEW: (Print Name)	Signatur
fin	b6,b7c	b6,b7c
1.	Title	Date
	Chief	2/27/08

Final Rating:	<b>Acceptable</b>
	Deficient
	At-Risk

Comments:

The Review Authority concurs with the recommended rating of Acceptable.

The RIC found deficiencies the Food Service standard and found Issues and Concerns with the Intake screening and discharge, and Dispensing of medicine elements.

Warden Doughty has provided written documentation explaining how all deficiencies have been corrected.

No plan of action is required.