Adult Jail and Halfway House Inspections

The unit is responsible for the inspection and licensing of state and local correctional facilities including jails, lockups, holding facilities and adult community-based residential facilities. In addition to the on-site inspection process, this responsibility ensures rule compliance through, review of incidents, complaints and technical support of facility administration.

Construction Review

The unit reviews and grants approval of construction plans and remodeling of all local correctional facility construction projects as detailed in State Statute 641.21. Technical assistance and expertise is provided to facility operators, their architects, and construction teams during the planning, construction, and through the occupancy phases.

Federal Juvenile Compliance Monitoring

The unit confirms and reports potential juvenile hold violations according to the four core requirements of the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The unit universe includes adult jails, municipal facilities, secure juvenile detention facilities and co-located detention facilities. Violations are reported to the MN Department of Public Safety.

Juvenile Licensing

All licensed juvenile facilities are inspected under Chapter 2960, with sections of the licensing rules based on the services offered at each facility. This includes detention, residential and foster care facilities. In addition to the on-site inspection process, this responsibility ensures rule compliance through, review of incidents, complaints and technical support of facility administration. The unit works closely with DHS Maltreatment Intake and Investigations Unit when reports of abuse or maltreatment are made.

Mental Health Screening Monitoring

As required by state statute, a mental health screening form was developed for screening and identifying inmates who may have mental health issues. Unit staff track and report the number of inmates identified as needing further review on a quarterly basis.

Municipal Facilities

The unit coordinates the inspection of approximately 20 local municipal jail facilities for which the respective county sheriffs, local health and fire officials are responsible for inspections.

Rule Promulgation

The unit develops and revises rule promulgation of the rules governing; Construction, Chapter 2900, Adult Detention Facilities Chapter 2911, Adult Community Based Residential Correctional Facilities Chapter 2920, Municipal Jail Facilities Chapter 2945, Children’s Residential Facilities rule Chapter 2960, Sex Offender Treatment under Rule Chapters 2955 (juvenile) and 2965 (adult).
Sex Offender Treatment Certification

Unit staff certify all residential correctional programs providing sex offender treatment under Rule Chapters 2955 (juvenile) and 2965 (adult).

Technical Assistance

This unit provides technical assistance to local units of government by acting as a liaison to State Planning and DOC units. Assistance also includes rule compliance and corrective action monitoring.

Training

Chapter 2911 training is provided to newly elected Sheriff’s, new Chief Deputies and new Jail Administrators. The unit also provides facility staff training in the areas of Cross-Gender Supervision and Avoiding Setups. Chapter 2960 training topics include Restrictive Procedures, Disciplinary Room Time, Report Writing and The Ugliness of Grooming. Avoiding Setup training is provided for facilities license under the Chapter 2920 rules.