



Facility Inspection Report Issued By The Minnesota Department of Corrections Pursuant to MN Statute 241.021, Subdivision 1

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INSPECTION DETAILS FOR:

Lac qui Parle County Jail

Address: 600 Sixth Street, Madison, MN 56256

MN Governing Rule: 2911 Local Adult Detention Facilities

Inspection Type: Annual **Inspected By:** Lori Schopf – Detention Facility Inspector **Inspected on:** 05/29/2024

Inspection Method: Facility walk-through, staff and inmate interviews, staff and inmate file reviews, facility documentation reviews, and video footage review.

Officials Present During Inspection: Jail Administrator Brian Benck

Officials Present for Exit Interview: Jail Administrator Brian Benck

Issued Inspection Report to: Jail Administrator Brian Benck; Sheriff Allen Anderson; County Auditor/Treasurer/Coordinator Jake Sieg; Regional Manager Dayna Burmeister

RULE COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

Rule Chapter	Requirement Type	Total Applicable	Total Compliance	Total Non Compliance	Total Compliance With Concerns	Compliance Rating	Substantial Compliance Result/Criteria
2911	Mandatory	128	126	0	2	100.00%	Compliance rating of 100%
2911	Essential	99	97	2	0	97.98%	Compliance rating of 90%

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: approval **Begins On:** 07/01/2024 **Ends On:** 06/30/2025 **Facility Type:** 90 Day Lockup
Placed on Biennial Status: No **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:**
Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: 24 hrs exclusive of weekends and holidays **Certificate Holder:** Lac Qui Parle Sheriff's Office
Special Conditions:

Approved Capacity Details **Operational Capacity is calculated as a percent of Approved Capacity beds.*

Bed Type	Gender	Approved Capacity	%Operating Capacity	Operational Capacity	Bed Details	Conditions
Secure	Coed	7	75	5.25	None.	

RULE COMPLIANCE DETAILS

Chapter 2911 - Essential Rules Not In Compliance**Total: 2**

1. 2911.3100 INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS. Subpart 5. Substance abuse programs.

A facility shall have a written plan for providing services for inmate chemical dependency issues.

Inspection Findings:

The facility does not have substance abuse programming available to inmates. This is due to the limited resources in the community.

Corrective Actions:

The facility must continue to seek organizations from surrounding communities or search for online resources.

Response Needed By: 07/31/2024

2. 2911.3100 INMATE ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS. Subpart 7. Recreation plan.

The facility administrator or designee shall have a plan providing opportunities for physical exercise and recreational activities for all inmates consistent with the facility's classification and design. Class I facilities are exempt from this requirement. The plan shall include policies and procedures necessary to protect the facility's security and the welfare of inmates. Policy and procedure shall provide: A. inmates with access to recreational opportunities and equipment, including seven hours of physical exercise or recreation outside the cell and adjacent dayroom areas per week; B. recreational opportunities a minimum of five days per week; C. indoor space and equipment for active recreational activities in all Class II to Class VI facilities; D. outdoor recreational space and equipment for outdoor recreational programming in all Class VI facilities. The space and equipment shall be provided in a manner consistent with the facility's security classification; E. passive and active recreation needs and equipment for a variety of inmates consistent with the facility's classification and offenders served. As an example, activity needs of geriatric, disabled, or geriatric and disabled offenders shall be addressed; F. inmates in segregation with a minimum of one hour a day, seven days a week, of exercise outside the inmates' cells, unless security or safety considerations dictate otherwise; and G. discretionary access by inmates on segregation status to the same recreational facilities as other inmates unless security or safety considerations dictate otherwise. When inmates on segregation status are excluded from use of regular recreation facilities, the alternative area for exercise used shall be documented.

Inspection Findings:

The facility is providing space for recreation, however the space is small and limits the amount of physical activity the inmates are able to have.

Corrective Actions:

This is a physical plant constraint that will be addressed during the construction of the new facility.

Response Needed By:**Chapter 2911 - Mandatory Rules In Compliance With Concerns****Total: 2**

1. 2911.2600 CLASSIFICATION OF INMATES. Subpart 1. Policy and procedure.

A facility shall have a written policy and procedure that provides for inmate classification in terms of level of custody required, housing assignment, participation in facility programs, and use of any overrides. The facility's policy and procedure on classification shall include consideration of the following: A. inmate gender; B. juvenile or adult status; C. category of offense; D. severity of current charges, convictions, or both; E. degree of escape risk; F. potential risk of safety to others and self; G. institutional disciplinary history; H. serious offense history; I. special needs assessment, inclusive of vulnerable adults, which includes a determination of how medical needs, mental health needs, developmental disability, or other behavioral or physical limitations or disabilities may impact on the classification of an inmate and appropriate housing of same; and J. special management inmate status.

Inspection Findings:

At the time of inspection there was one inmate who had not received a classification screening upon admission to the facility.

Corrective Actions:

This was discussed with the Jail Administrator during the inspection, and the Jail Administrator is going to implement an audit system to ensure this is completed on all inmates.

Response Needed By:

2. 2911.5300 SEARCHES, SHAKEDOWNS, AND CONTRABAND CONTROL. Subpart 4. Daily inspections.

A facility shall be inspected at least daily for contraband, evidence of breaches in security, and inoperable security equipment, and shall document the inspection.

Inspection Findings:

During the inspection it was found that the month of January was missing 17 days of daily inspections.

Corrective Actions:

The Jail Administrator audits these inspection logs monthly and has already followed up with staff on the importance of completing these daily. The months of February-May significantly improved from January. Continue to audit these to ensure staff complete the daily inspections.

Response Needed By:**INSPECTION COMMENTS**

The Lac Qui Parle County Jail is showing significant signs of aging, the facility is dark, limited in space, and its systems are antiquated. The program space is insufficient in size and does not fit the needs for recreation or programming. The County is in the process of building a new facility. Through the construction phase, it is imperative that the current facility be kept clean, and that preventative maintenance continues as you continue to house inmates.

The jail will remain on annual inspection status.

JJDPA Compliance

Juvenile Justice Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act of 2002 -Compliance Report.

On May 29, 2024, the JJDP Act audit was conducted at the Lac Qui Parle County Jail. The Lac Qui Parle County Jail has received a "Rural Exception" to the JJDP Act which allows the facility to hold a delinquent juvenile up to 24 hours, excluding weekends and holidays.

The three core requirements addressed in the audit are Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO), Removal of Juveniles for Adult Jail and Adult Lockups (Jail Removal), and Sight and Sound separation.

According to the DOC Portal System, the Lac Qui Parle County Jail held or processed zero (0) juveniles during the federal fiscal year 2024. The findings are as follows:

DSO: No violations determined.

Jail Removal: No violations determined.

Sight and Sound Separation: The facility design and policies allow for proper sight and sound separation if a delinquent juvenile would have to be held. Lac Qui Parle County does not hold delinquent juveniles in the facility per their policy. All delinquent juveniles are brought to Prairie Lakes Juvenile Center in Willmar, MN.

The facility does not participate in any "Scared Straight" programs for any youth that are under public authority.

Court holding: The courtrooms do not have a secure court holding area. All delinquent juveniles are brought straight into the courtroom.

Based on the documentation reviewed, no violations of the JJDP act were determined during the Lac Qui Parle County jail inspection.

Report completed By: Lori Schopf – Detention Facility Inspector

Signature:

