



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:

Nobles County Jail

Address: 1530 Airport Road, SUITE 100, Worthington, MN 56187

MN Governing Rule: 2911 Local Adult Detention Facilities

Inspection Type: Biennial **Inspected By:** Jen Pfeifer – Detention Facility Inspector **Inspected on:** 08/24/2021

Inspection Method: Facility tour, staff and resident interviews, employee and resident file reviews, and related documentation reviews.

Officials Present During Inspection: Assistant Jail Administrator Aaron Ahlers; Jail Administrator Dan Bosman; Sheriff Ryan Kruger

Officials Present for Exit Interview: Jail Administrator Dan Bosman

Issued Inspection Report to: Assistant Jail Administrator Aaron Ahlers; Jail Administrator Dan Bosman; Sheriff Ryan Kruger; County Administrator Tom Johnson; 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	126	124	1	1	99.21%	Compliance rating of 100%
2911	Essential	99	99	0	0	100.00%	Compliance rating of 90%

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: conditional approval **Begins On:** 09/01/2021 **Ends On:** 08/31/2023 **Facility Type:** Jail

Placed on Biennial Status: Yes **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:** 08/31/2022

Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: 24 hrs exclusive of weekends and holidays **Certificate Holder:** Nobles County Sheriff's Office

Special Conditions: None.

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	88	90	79.20	None.	None.

RULE COMPLIANCE DETAILS

Chapter 2911 - Mandatory Rules Not In Compliance**Total: 1**

1. 2911.5000 POST ORDERS; FORMAL INMATE COUNT; WELL-BEING CHECKS. Subpart 5. Well-being.

A facility shall have a system providing for well-being checks of inmates. A written policy and procedure shall provide that all inmates are personally observed by a custody staff person at least once every 30 minutes. Thirty-minute checks should be staggered. If a well-being check does not occur due to an emergency, it must be documented in the jail log and have supervisory review and approval. More frequent observation is required for those inmates of a special need classification who may be harmful to themselves. Examples of inmates of a special need classification include those classified as potentially suicidal, or as mentally ill, or those experiencing withdrawal from drugs or alcohol.

Inspection Findings:

Well-being checks audited were found not to be within the 30 minute time frame allowed in the rule.

Well-being checks were also found to be completed at a pace too quickly to ensure the well-being of an inmate.

Corrective Actions:

Continue to have Sergeants audit well-being checks to ensure compliance with the rule. All staff must be retrained in facility policy covering well-being checks. This training shall be documented and submitted to the Department of Corrections by October 1, 2021.

Response Needed By: 10/01/2021**Chapter 2911 - Mandatory Rules In Compliance With Concerns****Total: 1**

1. 2911.5450 DANGEROUS MATERIALS.

A facility shall have a written policy and procedure that specifies that materials dangerous to either security or safety shall be properly secured. Storage and use of flammable, toxic, and caustic materials must be in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations of governing jurisdictions. The policy must cover control and use of tools and culinary and medical equipment.

Inspection Findings:

One of the chemicals used by inmates was labeled to cause irreversible eye damage and harmful to skin.

Corrective Actions:

**Remove all chemicals from stock that are harmful to inmates.
Ensure that correctional staff are using proper safety equipment when handling chemicals.**

Response Needed By:**INSPECTION COMMENTS****Comments:**

This was Dan Bosman's first inspection as the jail administrator. The Nobles County Jail Staff were helpful and appeared knowledgeable about their duties. The Jail continues to operate at a very high level of compliance with the Chapter 2911 Rules. The inspector will be reviewing new changes to the procedure manual and will submit a letter to the Jail Administrator with any concerns by October 1, 2021.

The facility continues to show signs of age. It is extremely important that the jail continue to be proactive in addressing physical plant concerns.

The toilets and sinks are showing signs of rust and significant water damage was noted behind some of these fixtures. Shower floors, walls, and doors have significant rust. Some of the shower doors have been replaced but there are still several that need to be repaired or replaced.

The jail will remain on biennial inspections.

JJDPA Compliance

Compliance Report for the monitoring Facilities Pursuant to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002.

On August 17, 2021, a Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act audit was conducted. The Nobles County Jail has received a "Rural Exception" to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJDP). This allows the facility to hold a delinquent juvenile up to 24 hours, excluding weekends and holiday. There are three core requirements that are looked at during our facility review. Those core requirements 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 jail data, the Nobles County Jail held or processed 8 juveniles since October 1, 2020. I reviewed approximately 100 percent of the juvenile data and files. The findings are as follows:

DSO: I did not find any violations of the facility holding status offenders in the jail. Upon review of the files, indication was that children that were brought into the facility were indeed there for delinquent offenses.

Jail Removal: Files and DOC Portal System data indicate that any children brought into the jail are removed well within the 24 hour time frame allowed per the "Rural Exception." Nobles County utilizes juvenile placement centers in Willmar, Red Wing, and Rochester.

Sight and Sound Separation: The facility design and policies allow for proper sight and sound separation. This includes the route taken to Court. Policies and the court schedule also indicate proper sight and sound separation are maintained.

Court Holding- Nobles County no longer holds juveniles in the jail for court holding, they utilize the secure court holding next to the court rooms. This is a positive change from the past practice of holding juveniles in booking until they were ready for court.

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

Based on the documentation that I reviewed, Nobles County had zero (0) violations of the JJDP Act.

Report completed By: Jen Pfeifer – Detention Facility Inspector

Signature: _____

