



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:

Volunteers Of America Regional Corrections Center

Address: 2825 E Lake Street, Minneapolis, MN 55406

MN Governing Rule: 2920 Adult Community-Based Residential Correctional Facility

Inspection Type: Annual **Inspected By:** Jen Pfeifer – Detention Facility Inspector

Inspected on: 08/26/2020 to 09/14/2020

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

Officials Present During Inspection: Program Manager Jordan DePonty

Officials Present for Exit Interview: Program Manager Jordan DePonty

Issued Inspection Report to: Director Chris Doege; Program Manager Jordan DePonty

RULE COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

Rule Chapter	Requirement Type	Total Applicable	Total Compliance	Total Non Compliance	Total Compliance With Concerns	Compliance Rating	Substantial Compliance Result/Criteria
2920	Mandatory	24	24	0	0	100.00%	Compliance rating of 100%
2920	Essential	81	74	6	1	92.59%	Compliance rating of 90%

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: approval **Begins On:** 09/01/2020 **Ends On:** 08/31/2021 **Facility Type:** Adult Community-Based Residential Correctional Facility

Placed on Biennial Status: No **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:**

Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: no approval **Certificate Holder:** Volunteers of America

Special Conditions: Policy Procedure Manual Needs to be Up-to-Date.
Missing Several Documents required for Inspection.

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
Adult Community-Based Residential Correctional Facility	Male	58	100	58.00	None.	None.

RULE COMPLIANCE DETAILS

Chapter 2920 - Essential Rules Not In Compliance**Total: 6****1. 2920.2600 MONITORING SYSTEM.**

The facility shall have a system to monitor the program through inspections and reviews by the program administrator or designated staff.

Inspection Findings:

There is no system in place for auditing the program.

Corrective Actions:

Develop a system to monitor the program using internal inspections and reviews and resident interviews.

Response Needed By: 12/01/2020**2. 2920.2700 OPERATIONS MANUAL.**

The adult community-based residential correctional facility shall have a policy and procedure manual that defines the philosophy and method for operating and maintaining the facility. This manual must be made available to all employees, reviewed annually, updated as needed, and used to train employees. The manual must include the following chapters: A. standards required by this chapter; B. administration and organization; C. fiscal management; D. personnel; E. training; F. admissions, orientation, property procedures, and discharge; G. resident activities; H. resident records; I. medical and health care services; J. resident rules and discipline; K. communication, mail, and visiting; L. safety and emergency; M. security and resident accountability; N. sanitation and hygiene; and O. food service. The program administrator or designee shall annually review the policy and procedure manual. The review must be documented in writing sufficient to indicate that policies and procedures have been reviewed and amended as appropriate to facility changes.

Inspection Findings:

The Operations Manual is in need of review and updates to reflect current practice. Some of the policies are dated 2013. This was noted in the last two inspections.

Corrective Actions:

Review operations manual and update to reflect current practice. Submit updated operations manual to the Department of Corrections by December 1, 2020.

Response Needed By: 12/01/2020**3. 2920.5400 FOOD SERVICE. Subpart 4. Manager.**

If the facility is preparing the meals, the facility must have a certified food manager.

Inspection Findings:

According to the Health Inspector there needs to be at least one staff with a CFPM Certificate. Serve Safe is not adequate.

Corrective Actions:

Have the kitchen manager obtain this certification and submit a copy to the Department of Corrections.

Response Needed By: 12/01/2020**4. 2920.6200 SEARCHES.**

In compliance with applicable laws, the facility shall maintain and post written policies and procedures for conducting searches of residents, their belongings, and all areas of the facility to control contraband and locate missing or stolen property. The facility must have a policy that addresses searches of visitors.

Inspection Findings:

There is no policy in place for the search of visitors.

Corrective Actions:

Update policy to reflect current practice.

Response Needed By: 12/01/2020

5. 2920.6500 DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES; PLANS AND PROCEDURES. Subpart 2. Reporting of unusual occurrences.

Incidents of an unusual or serious nature must be reported within ten days of the incident to the Department of Corrections in a manner required by the department. Incidents of an unusual or serious nature include such incidents as: A. attempted suicide; B. suicide; C. homicide; D. death, by means other than suicide or homicide; E. serious injury or illness incurred subsequent to placement including incidents resulting in hospitalization for medical care or hospitalization associated with mental health needs; F. incidents of fire requiring medical treatment of staff or residents or a response by a local fire authority; G. riot; H. assaults of one resident by another; I. assaults of staff by resident; J. occurrences of infectious diseases and action taken relative to same when a medical authority has determined that the inmate must be isolated from other inmates; and K. sexual misconduct between residents or between staff and a resident.

Inspection Findings:

No incidents have been reported through the Statewide Supervision System. This was discussed during the last two inspections.

Corrective Actions:

Update policy to reflect required reporting in the Chapter 2920 Rules. Obtain login information from the Department of Corrections and enter all incidents defined in the rule from January 1, 2020 to date.

Response Needed By: 12/01/2020

6. 2920.6600 BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS. Subpart 1. General.

Building and grounds must be clean and in good repair. There must be a maintenance budget for ongoing repair and replacement of equipment for the facility.

Inspection Findings:

The building is showing significant signs of age. Specifically deteriorating brick, ceiling damage, cracked walls and ceilings, and fire gaps around pipes and conduits.

Corrective Actions:

It is imperative the facility create a maintenance plan to address on-going building issues and repairs. It is recommended that items be put in the plan in order of importance and that these repairs are submitted as part of the annual budget until deficiencies have been corrected.

Submit maintenance plan for building repairs to the Department of Corrections.

Response Needed By: 12/01/2020

Chapter 2920 - Essential Rules In Compliance With Concerns

Total: 1

1. 2920.6500 DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES; PLANS AND PROCEDURES. Subpart 1. Plans.

There shall be written plans and procedures for meeting potential disasters and emergencies, such as fire, severe weather, or other emergencies. All staff shall be familiar with the procedures for meeting potential disaster.

Inspection Findings:

Fire drills are completed, but there was no documentation of severe weather or drills involving other emergencies.

Corrective Actions:

Complete emergency drills for other emergency situations other than fire. Staff should be familiar with procedures involving severe weather, suicide or attempted suicide, etc.

Response Needed By:

INSPECTION COMMENTS

The inspection report was delayed due to the global pandemic and scheduling conflicts. In the past few months the facility has experienced significant challenges. The facilities exterior was damaged by days of rioting in downtown Minneapolis. Windows were damaged and are currently boarded up. Rioters gathered on the front lawn and at one point tried to take over the facility. The facility also experienced several cases of COVID-19 and continue to report positive cases as recent as September 9, 2020. The facility will continue to work closely with the Minnesota Department of Health and seek guidance and direction with testing and separation.

Since the last inspection the building continues to show signs of age. Not only cosmetically but there also appears to be deficiencies in the electrical and HVAC system. Both the inside and outside of the building appear to be in disrepair. Deteriorating brick, broken glass, ceiling damage, water damage, and dirty exhaust vents are the most notable.

It is recommended the facility continue to make updates and changes as needed and that a maintenance personnel be hired to fill vacant position. It is imperative that the facility complete preventative maintenance as much as possible.

The policy manual is in need of updates to reflect current policy and procedure. The manual has not been updated since 2013. This was noted in the two previous inspections.

The facility will remain on annual inspections.

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N/A

Report completed By: Jen Pfeifer – Detention Facility Inspector

Signature:

