



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:

Wright County Jail

Address: 3800 Braddock Avenue, Buffalo, MN 55313

MN Governing Rule: 2911 Local Adult Detention Facilities

Inspection Type: Biennial **Inspected By:** Jen Pfeifer – Senior Detention Facility Inspector **Inspected on:** 09/21/2022

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

Officials Present During Inspection: Jail Administrator Patrick O'Malley

Officials Present for Exit Interview: Jail Administrator Patrick O'Malley

Issued Inspection Report to: Jail Administrator Patrick O'Malley; Sheriff Sean Deringer; County Administrator Lee Kelly; 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	0	2	100.00%	Compliance rating of 100%
2911	Essential	101	101	0	0	100.00%	Compliance rating of 90%

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: approval **Begins On:** 10/01/2022 **Ends On:** 09/30/2024 **Facility Type:** Jail
Placed on Biennial Status: Yes **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:** 09/30/2023
Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: 6 hrs **Certificate Holder:** Wright County Sheriff's Department
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	288	93	267.84	None.	None.

RULE COMPLIANCE DETAILS

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

While reviewing video of well-being checks, the inspector found one (1) well-being check to be out of compliance with the 30-minute time frame allowed in the rule. Additionally, checks were observed to be done at a pace too quickly to identify the well-being of the inmate.

Corrective Actions:

It is recommended that the facility develop a regular audit system for well-being checks. It is imperative that facility administration identify areas of concern, document, and follow-up on those checks that are out of compliance with the rule.

Response Needed By:**2. 2911.6400 DELIVERY, SUPERVISION, AND CONTROL OF MEDICATION.**

In consultation with the health authority, a facility administrator shall have a written policy and procedure for the secure storage, delivery, administration, and control of medication according to parts 2911.6500 to 2911.6800.

Inspection Findings:

Medication count of one (1) controlled medication was found to not be accurate. However, medical was able to rectify the count while the inspector was at the facility.

Corrective Actions:

It is recommended that as the facility contracts with a new medical provider and new electronic medical records system that a regular system of auditing medications is developed.

Response Needed By:**INSPECTION COMMENTS**

PROGRAMS: The facility has in-depth and progressive programming seven days a week. The facility added a social worker full time in the facility to work with inmates to address their need for continued community support once they leave the facility. This program addition has already attributed to bridging the gap in services from the community once an inmate leaves the jail.

The Wright County Jail continues to operate at a high level of compliance. The facility is innovative and progressive in operation and strives to go above and beyond what is required in the rule.

The facility will have a new medical provider as of October 1, 2022.

The facility will remain on biennial inspections.

JJDPA Compliance

Compliance Report for the Monitoring Facilities Pursuant to the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act of 2002.

On September 21 2022, a JJDP Act audit was conducted for Wright County. Wright County Jail has 6 hour hold ability for the jail. For the federal fiscal year 2021-22, Wright County processed (4) four delinquent juvenile and they were all processed outside the secure perimeter of the jail. One hundred percent of the data was reviewed. The three core requirements that are looked at during the review are Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO), Removal of Juveniles for Adult Jail and Adult Lockups (Jail Removal), and Sight and Sound separation.

Wright County policies reflect that juveniles are not held at the Wright County Jail. All delinquent juveniles are taken directly to East Central Regional Juvenile Center unless the delinquent juvenile can be brought to court within the 6 hour time frame.

Juveniles that need to be booked and released are booked at a station outside the jail. The only time a delinquent child would be booked and released in the jail is when it is a safety and security risk for the facility and the child. A log will be kept of any juvenile that will be processed through the facility.

DSO: No violations found with the facility holding status offenders in the jail. Indication was that youth who were booked and released, were done so outside the secure perimeter of the jail.

Jail Removal: Files and DOC Portal data indicate that youth brought into the jail are removed well within the 6 hour time frame allowed.

Sight and Sound Separation: The facility design and policies allow for proper sight and sound separation. This includes the route taken to court holding. Policies and the court schedule also indicate proper sight and sound separation are maintained. The facility does not participate in any "Scared Straight" programs for any youth that are under public authority.

Court Holding: The facility has two secure court holding cells that are sight and sound separated from each other. One is designated for juveniles only. There is a Corrections Officer or Bailiff assigned to the holding area when occupied and the county provides juvenile specific training to the staff.

Based on the documentation reviewed, no violations of the JJDP Act were found during the Wright County inspection.

Report completed By: Jen Pfeifer – Senior Detention Facility Inspector

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