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Inspection Information

1. Location *

Men's Central Jail

2. Date of Previous Inspection *

6/15/2023



3. Date of this Inspection *

5/10/2024



4. Time *

2:45

5. Location

Courts

Jails

Sheriff Station

Location



6. Commissioner(s) - (Select all that Apply) *

- Ingrid Archie
- Haley Broder
- Norma Cumpian
- Wynter Daggs
- Mark - Anthony Clayton Johnson
- Bob Frutos
- Dr. Cheryl N. Grills
- Eric J. Miller
- Raymond Regalado
- Alexander Sherman
- Joahanna Terrones
- Mary Veral
- Other

Facility Information

7. Facility Name *

Courthouse names and locations: <https://www.lacourt.org/courthouse>

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9. Name and Title of LASD Supervisor Contacted *

Lieutenant Short

10. Census: Capacity *

5243

11. Current Census *

3703

12. Location(s) Inspected: *

1750; 4300; 5100; 5800

13. Issues reported to (Select all that Apply): *

- BOS
- Officer in Charge
- LASD
- ISD
- OIG
- COC
- Other

14. Name of the person(s) issues were reported to: *

Lieutenant Short

15. Contact Information of the person(s) contacted: *

rfshort@lasd.org

Conditions of Confinement

16. **Condition of Confinement:** Cells/Toilets/Sinks

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

17. **Condition of Confinement COMMENTS RE:** Cells/Toilets/Sinks

No cold water in many sinks

18. **Condition of Confinement:** Showers (water temperature, rust, mold etc.)

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

19. **Conditions of Confinement COMMENT RE:** Showers (water temperature, rust, mold etc.)

Showers boiling hot, dirty, humid

20. **Condition of Confinement:** Crowding

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

21. **Conditions of Confinement COMMENT RE:** Crowding

5800 dorm overcrowded

22. **Condition of Confinement:** Cleanliness/Graffiti

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

23. **Conditions of Confinement COMMENT RE:** Cleanliness/Graffiti

Cells dirty and moldy

24. **Condition of Confinement:** Safety, Conflict, Tension

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

25. **Conditions of Confinement COMMENT RE:** Safety, Conflict, Tension

1750 prisoner was suicidal; 5800 people were extremely frustrated with LASD and alleged poor treatment and retaliation; 5100 alleged neglect of cleanliness.

26. **Condition of Confinement:** Common Areas

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

27. **Conditions of Confinement COMMENT RE:** Common Areas

Unsanitary

28. **Condition of Confinement:** Air Quality/Temperature

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

29. **Conditions of Confinement COMMENT RE:** Air Quality/Temperature

Extremely hot and humid; no circulating air in 1750 and 5800

30. **Condition of Confinement:** Deputy/Detainee Relations (Including Specific Incidents or allegations of misconduct)

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

31. **Conditions of Confinement COMMENT RE:** Deputy/Detainee Relations (Including Specific Incidents or allegations of misconduct)

Eight Deputies in 1750 ignored report of noose in cell and were watching sexually explicit materials on large screen monitor; one deputy removed noose from cell but threw it on the ground; complaint of retaliation in 5800

32. **Condition of Confinement:** Strip Search Issues

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

33. **Condition of Confinement:** Access (Drinking Water)

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

34. **Conditions of Confinement COMMENT RE:** Access (Drinking Water)

Incarcerated persons in 4300 lacked cold water in their cell sinks; persons in 5800 complained of insects in water

35. **Condition of Confinement:** Access (Mail/Reading Materials/Law Library)

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

36. **Conditions of Confinement COMMENT RE:** Access (Mail/Reading Materials/Law Library)

People in 1750 G and 5100 complained of lack of reading materials

37. **Condition of Confinement:** Access (Toilets for Common Room)

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

38. **Conditions of Confinement COMMENT RE:** Access (Toilets for Common Room)

Rusty urinals that did not drain properly

39. **Condition of Confinement:** Access (Toiletries, Appropriate Combs/Brushes)

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

40. **Conditions of Confinement COMMENT RE:** Access (Toiletries, Appropriate Combs/Brushes)

People in each part of jail visited complained about lack of hygiene kits and soap

41. **Condition of Confinement:** Access (Exercise, Religious Practice)

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

42. **Conditions of Confinement COMMENT RE:** Access (Exercise, Religious Practice)

5800 lacked exercise machine and complained of inadequate visits to yard; people in 4300 complained that cells doors malfunctioned and so missed yard.

43. **Condition of Confinement:** Access (Legal Counsel)

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

44. **Condition of Confinement:** Access (Visitation, Correspondence)

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

45. **Condition of Confinement:** Solitary Confinement

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

46. **Condition of Confinement:** Privacy/Dignity (showers, bathrooms)

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

47. **Conditions of Confinement COMMENT RE:** Privacy/Dignity (showers, bathrooms)

Transgender people lacked appropriate underwear; showers were flooding

48. **Condition of Confinement:** Special needs populations (pregnant, non-ambulatory, hearing impaired, mentally ill, medical conditions, developmental disability)

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

49. **Conditions of Confinement COMMENT RE:** Special needs populations (pregnant, non-ambulatory, hearing impaired, mentally ill, medical conditions, developmental disability)

Medium observation housing lacked television and books

50. **Condition of Confinement:** Module Information Postings (re: time calculations, complaint, developmental disability)

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

51. **Condition of Confinement:** Complaint Procedure (e.g., Deputy, Medical Complaints - Confidential Procedures to SBC, OIG, COC)

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

52. **Conditions of Confinement COMMENT RE:** Complaint Procedure (e.g., Deputy, Medical Complaints - Confidential Procedures to SBC, OIG, COC)

Lack of medical and grievance forms

53. **Condition of Confinement:** Fees Assessed/ Money on Books

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

54. **Condition of Confinement:** Other

55. **Condition of Confinement:** Other

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

Nutrition

56. **Nutrition:** Quality/Concerns

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

57. **Nutrition COMMENT RE:** Quality/Concerns

Widespread reports of hunger

58. **Nutrition:** Access to special diets

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

59. **Nutrition COMMENT RE:** Access to special diets

Widespread reports of cold food and lack of special diets

Trustees

60. **Trustees:** Quarters

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

61. **Trustees:** Training and Selection

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

Medical Services

62. **Medical Services**

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Corrective Action Needed	Not Applicable
Access	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wait Times	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Responsiveness	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
TB and Other Medical Screening	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Dental	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Vision	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Infectious Disease Protocol	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

63. **COMMENTS RE:** Medical

Mental Health

64. Mental Health Services

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Corrective Action Needed	Not Applicable
Access	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wait Times	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Treatment Options	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assessment Procedures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

65. COMMENTS RE: Mental Health

Telephones

66. Telephones

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Corrective Action Needed	Not Applicable
Access	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Functionality	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

67. COMMENTS RE: Telephones

Many telephones were broken; the rest had volume issues and sound on the line

68. **Education Based Incarceration Programming (EBI)**

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Corrective Action Needed	Not Applicable
Availability	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Type	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

69. **COMMENTS RE: EBI Programming**

70. **EBI: Volunteer Services**

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Corrective Action Needed	Not Applicable
Type	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Access	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Concerns	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

71. **COMMENTS RE EBI: Volunteer Services**

Clean Clothing and Bedding

72. **Clean Clothing and Bedding** (including laundry practices)

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

73. **COMMENTS RE: Clean Clothing and Bedding** (including laundry practices)

People had only one set of clothes they had to clean themselves; the mattresses did not satisfy Title 15 criteria and were dirty and often partially destroyed

Facilities/Maintenance

74. **Facilities/Maintenance:** Back Log Unfilled Order(s)

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

75. **Facilities/Maintenance COMMENTS RE:** Back Log Unfilled Order(s)

Televisions were in a state of disrepair for weeks as were cell doors which were non-functional for weeks

76. **Facilities/Maintenance:** Kitchen/Laundry

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

Deputy Staffing

77. **Deputy Staffing:** Quality of Interactions w/Detainees

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Corrective Action Needed	Not Applicable
Use of Force (Last 30 days)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assault on Staff (Last 30 days)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Staff Training (MH, trauma informed etc.)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

78. **Deputy Staffing COMMENTS RE:** Quality of Interactions w/Detainees

79. **Detainee Complaints/Concerns COMMENTS:**

80. **Deputy Complaint/Concerns COMMENTS:**

81. **Prior Corrective Action Resolution:**

82. **Detainee Documentations** (e.g., intake/release, procedures):

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Corrective Action Needed	Not Applicable
Classification	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Logs	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Detainee management	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Exit interview - policies/procedure grievance	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Generated funds	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

83. **Detainee Documentation COMMENTS:**

84. **Discipline Proceedings:**

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

Inspection: Special Focus

85. Inspection: Special Focus

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Corrective Action Needed	Not Available
COC	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Community	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
CHS	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
DMH	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
DPH	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Facilities	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Food Services	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
OIG	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

86. Inspection: Special Focus Request *(Select all that Apply):*

- COC
- Community
- CHS
- DMH
- DPH
- Facilities
- Food Services
- OIG
- N/A
- Other

87. Inspection: Special Focus Request Comments:

88. **Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Issues:**

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

INSPECTION DETAILS - ANCHORED TO SUMMARIZE #3 THROUGH #106

89. Inspection Detail for #:

90. Inspection Detail for #:

91. Inspection Detail for #:

92. Inspection Detail for **OIG** Request Related to:

93. Inspection Detail for **COC** Request Related to:

94. Inspection Detail for **Community Request** Related to:

95. **Inspection Detail:** EBI

96. **Inspection Detail:** Medical

97. **Inspection Detail:** Medical

98. **Inspection Detail:** Building and Maintenance *(Select all that apply)*

- Lawns
- Recreation Area
- Blacktop
- Asphalt
- General Condition
- Paint
- Roof
- Drains/Gutters
- Not Applicable
- Other

99. **Inspection Detail:** Building and Maintenance

INSPECTION DETAIL: INTERIOR OF BUILDINGS(S)

100. **Inspection Detail:** Interior of Building(s) and Maintenance *(Select all that apply)*

- Walls
- Paint
- Floors
- Drains
- Plumbing fixtures working
- Air Vents
- Windows
- Not Applicable
- Other

101. Inspection Detail **Interior of Building:**

102. Are Cleaning fluids and chemicals labeled and safely stored?

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable
- Other

103. Weapons locker present?

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable
- Other

104. Recreation/Sports Equipment:

105. Are the hallways clear, are doors propped open or closed?

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable
- Other

106. Holding areas (cells/rooms), is there access to drinking water and toilet?

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable
- Other

107. Condition of individual cells/rooms, or dormitories:

108. Beds - Type of bed and is it off the floor?

109. Adequate lighting:

110. Temperature:

111. Narrative Report

112. Narrative Continued

113. Narrative Continued

114. Narrative Continued

115. Narrative Continued

116. Narrative Continued

117. Overall, how would you rate this facility? *

Satisfactory

Unsatisfactory

This question is required.

Since 1978, the jail system in Los Angeles County has been under a number of federal court orders mandating the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department, and the County of Los Angeles more generally, to improve jail conditions and maintain jail standards. Many of these court orders apply to Men's Central Jail. However, the County and the Sheriff's Department have consistently fallen short of these standards.

These court orders cover everything from the provision of bedding and clothing, *Rutherford v. Pitchess* (1978), to the treatment of gay and transgender people, *Robertson v. Block* (1985) to the provision of grievance forms and maintenance of an adequate grievance protocol to deal with complaints by incarcerated people, *Johnson v. County of Los Angeles* (2014) to the use of safety checks as part of the jail's responsibility to identify and address suicide hazards, *Unites States v. Los Angeles County and Los Angeles County Sheriff* (2015), as well as staffing shortages that might contribute to these issues. Other court orders address the use of force and other issues concerning the actions of the Sheriff Deputies and conditions of confinement. In 2022, Federal Judge Dean Pregerson noted that the problem of inadequate prison conditions has been going on for "decades."

These ongoing court orders, along with the regulations published by the Board of State and Community Corrections Title 15 and Title 24, Minimum Standards for Local Detention Facilities, help guide the Sybil Brand Commissioners when they visit the jails. It is on the basis of the various standards governing the detention of people in the Los Angeles County Jails that the inspectors make detail the conditions in Men's Central Jail.

1750 Unit

We first visited the "high powered unit" which is unit 1750, rows G, E, and D. The unit is generally quite dark, with no natural light and low electric lighting. The corridor between G and E is on a motion-operated switch, which did not function the second time we visited row G at the end of our jail visit. There was trash over all the hallways in the unit, which was extremely hot and humid; in both G and E the shower is continuously on. Because of the humidity and the showers, there was water on the floor of the different rows we visited in this unit.

In many of the cells we visited in the unit, incarcerated people were using mattresses that were ripped or had chunks of the mattress missing; none of the mattresses had the mandatory plastic covering, in violation of Title 15 and *Rutherford v. Pitchess*. Row G is where individuals accused of assaulting jail staff are housed: they had no pencils to fill out grievance forms nor books and their property had not been transferred over from previous locations. In addition, they have restricted access to telephones. In each row we visited, there were no grievance forms given to the people incarcerated there, in violation of *Johnson v County of Los Angeles*, despite our request to deputies who said they would give them out. When we returned a few hours later, they still had not given them out.

In row G, we conducted interviews with the people housed there. One of the incarcerated people was taking a shower; his cell door was wide open, and the contents of his cell were clearly visible. As the commissioners talked to that person, an LASD Deputy performed one of the mandatory 30-minute security checks. The Deputy went along the row, scanning the cells they passed to record their check. After the Deputy had completed their check, the commissioners continued down the row to the showering person's cell and discovered a self-constructed noose hanging from the ceiling. Though unlikely to support the incarcerated person's weight, the noose was obvious to anyone looking into the cell and its presence was consistent with the suicidal ideation articulated by the incarcerated person while taking his shower. The commissioners reported the

noose to the deputies, eight of whom were sitting in the main office in the unit watching a video on a large screen television. The Deputies said they would check on the cell later but remained seated watching the video on the television.

When the commissioners returned to the sheriff station in 1750 after completing their inspection of the various rows in the unit, they discovered that the eight seated deputies were in fact watching a sexually explicit video on their wide-screen television. It was only upon the entrance of the second, female commissioner that the deputies hurriedly removed the video from the screen. In addition, the station was covered with a variety of stickers, including a "Gadsden Flag" (a depiction of a curled snake, usually with a "don't tread on me" logo), and an anti-President Biden sticker. There was also a stack of about eight videos next to the computer monitor.

In the meantime, the Commissioners managed to track down the Deputy who had conducted the earlier security check. They pulled down the noose but threw it on the floor outside his cell. One of the Commissioners, a trained social worker, had a lengthy conversation with the incarcerated person who was still in the shower and confirmed that he had suicidal ideation. When the Commissioners requested additional mental health support and for his suicidal ideation to be taken seriously, the Deputy shrugged the request off.

In addition, to the suicidal person, the other members of Row G the Commissioners were also in need of assistance. The whole unit was extremely humid, and the shower water was extremely hot. One individual was not getting his inhaler nor his asthma medication. His cell was without a working toilet. A pipe was broken in his cell, and he used his clothes to soak the water up. There was a large amount of mold and mildew all in cell and he complained of the presence of rats and cockroaches.

Another incarcerated person was missing his glasses; yet another needed a medical appointment for wrist/ arm wound; another was jumped in a previous dorm and now has a broken jaw and broken teeth and needs medical care. Another incarcerated person was from a foreign country and had been held for over a week without talking to his embassy's representative; he claimed he has diplomatic immunity. One of the cells had clothing blocking the windows so you could not see in. The same Deputy who did the safety checks and scanned the IDs on doors did not check the inside of this individual's cell. The failure to act upon the noose or check inside an obscured cell violates the standards set out in *United States v. Los Angeles County*.

In Row F the commissioners discovered the same issues of trash and humidity. The people incarcerated there complained of rats and cockroaches, including in their food. The phone was broken; the incarcerated people said it had been broken for a few days. Again, there were no grievance forms, despite the people incarcerated there request them; and again, there was a lack of response by the medical staff to reports of injuries and other medical issues.

In Row D, the sinks did not work in multiple cells; the telephones did not work on the row, and the vending machine was empty minus 2 coffee bags, reportedly for over 3 weeks.

Despite these multiple concerns, when the commissioners asked deputies about the inmate's requests, the Deputies dismissed the incarcerated people's complaints, saying "They lie a lot." They also said they must "pick their battles as they do not want to use force and get sued by families" (if they take down door blocking).

4000 Unit

Next, we visited the 4000 unit at the behest of the Watch Commander, who stated during our initial check in before we began our inspection that “4000 should be shut down.” We visited 4300 D and B. In the corridor leading to 4000 the ceiling was leaking, and the corridor had two trash cans placed in the center to catch leaks. The escalator to 4000 was not working; when we asked a passing Deputy, they confirmed that it has not worked in years. The escalator and the corridors were filthy.

In 4300D, at least three cells lacked any cold water, and the incarcerated people had developed a system, using plastic bottles and strings, of passing cold water from those cells that had it to those that did not. The showers constantly dripping rendering the unit extremely humid. In addition, there was a strong smell of fire burning. There was trash everywhere along the row.

In some cells the doors did not work at all. Multiple cells were empty due to the malfunctioning doors. Moreover, at least one cell door did not close all the way. The people incarcerated there said they could exit the cell if they wanted to but did not (for fear of being put on discipline). Incarcerated people complained that they missed out on court dates or yard exercise because they were stuck in a malfunctioning cell. Others expressed concern that if there was a catastrophic event, such as an earthquake or fire, they would be unable to exit their cell.

In multiple cells, the telephones were not working properly, and mattress chunks were missing.

In 4300 B, there was no cold water in many of the cells. The incarcerated people complained that the showers were not cleaned. The showers looked moldy and multiple shower heads were dripping. Phones are just static. Complaints of not receiving enough food per day. In one cell, because of malfunctioning doors, the cell had simply been abandoned and entire bunks were filled with trash. One person had not received adequate clothing, and many of the people incarcerated in 4000 complained of hunger due to inadequate food. Others had not received the protein-meals ordered by the medical staff. Trustees expressed concerns about retaliation if sharing anything with the Commissioners.

The commissioners also visited the food preparation room on 4000 seems well-ordered and clean; and the Education Based Incarceration teaching room, which seemed to have water stains or mold on the ceiling (it was closed when we visited).

5000 Unit

The commissioners were escorted around the 5000 unit by Sergeant Smathers. The commissioners visited unit 5800 which houses LGBTQ+ people, who are designated K6G by the jail and 5100 which houses people with a mental illness requiring moderate observation housing, distinguished by safety checks every 30 minutes.

The 5800 unit was very crowded: the bunks were stacked 3 high and full. Triple bunking usually means around 80 incarcerated persons in each dorm, which is far in excess of the 64-maximum mandated by Title 24.

The first thing the commissioners saw upon entering 5800 dorm was someone showing us and the Sergeant a carton of milk that was completely curdled from that day. People complained of hunger because of insufficient food that when served is arrives cold. Many of the people were

getting the wrong diet; for example, a vegan was receiving meat-only meals and people who are entitled to high-protein medical-ordered meals are not receiving them.

Once again, it was extremely hot in 5800. There was absolutely no air circulating. The vents in the air conditioners were filled with lint. The shower was extremely hot. One did not drain, flooding the shower area. There was also mold on the ceilings. The dorm residents reported dirty water with bugs coming out of sink water, along with small black worms. The urinal was rusty and did not empty properly.

The dorm lacked any grievance or medical forms, again in violation of Johnson v. County of Los Angeles (2014). In addition, 2 of the telephones were not working.

The people incarcerated in 5800 dorm complained that cleaning supplies were not sufficient to maintain the dorm in a sanitary condition. The mop was a long plastic handle, but the head of the mop was missing: the folks in the unit used towels or clothes instead. The bucket lacked wheels, and there was no broom. Other individuals complained that they did not receive sufficient hygiene (FISH) kits and so many of the individuals were unable to wash properly or brush their teeth and lacked razors to enable them to shave for court dates.

The deputies had not provided transgender individuals with panties/ underwear/ bras. The commissioners witnessed multiple medical issues and referred them too medical. The dorm residents also requested sexual health education and more condoms and dental dams.

Other individuals articulated concerns about not getting full yard time per week: an issue was that yard time is at 5:30 am, and many of the people in 5800 are not given enough time to wake up and make their way to the front of the dorm and so miss the chance of exercise in the yard. Others requested the sort of minimal exercise equipment (a "roman chair" with a pull-up bar) that is available in other dorms.

In addition, the television worked intermittently, and the people incarcerated in the dorm could not choose the channels. They complained that if individuals decided to leave the dorm (a "walk out") the Deputies would retaliate by limiting television time.

Finally, one individual reported a sick inmate in the bunk above them whose defecation was falling into their bunk. They complained that the deputies ignored their requests for help and medical attention for the sick person.

In the 5100 dorm, the incarcerated people had the same problems as elsewhere in the jail: not enough food and people going hungry, even when it arrived, the food was too cold, the water in the showers was too hot, the urinal was broken, there were not enough blankets, nor enough hygiene (FISH) kits, there was not enough soap, the soap was used to wash clothes because there were only one set of clothes per person; people were prevented from drying their clothes on lines because of anti-"tenting" rules; the television was not working; only two out of six telephones were working; and there were no grievance or medical forms available, in violation of court orders.

Incarcerated people requested additional sets of clothes per week. They also complained that they lacked sufficient reading materials as there were no books or libraries on the 5000 floor. They also requested suboxone for fentanyl withdrawal support and complained of missing kits and bedrolls.

Medical

We also briefly spoke to a medical employee who agreed that there appeared to be insufficient food for the incarcerated people. They also viewed violence as the most serious issue in the jail and suggested that people do not come forward when assaulted. While psychiatric care had improved with more staff employed, provision of psychiatric medicine had become harder as non-psychiatric staff were prohibited from dispensing these medicines.

The medical appointment system was dysfunctional, in part because there were insufficient nurses to staff a clinic. The clinics thus had doctors standing idle waiting on nursing staff completing their jobs. The result was that medical staff sees approximately one third the number of patients as they would in a non-jail clinic.