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2024 TITLE 15 INSPECTIONS OF THE SANTA CRUZ COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT HOLDING FACILITY

To whom it may concern:

Please find attached the Title 15 Local Detention Facility Health Inspection Reports for the Santa Cruz County Superior Court Holding Facility at 701 Ocean Street, with five holding cells and seven court rooms.

On May 24, 2024, as Health Officer for the County of Santa Cruz, I conducted the 2024 annual physical inspection of the above noted facility, along with the following team member:

Dr. Chia-Chen Lee, DNP, MSN, FNP-C, RN, PHN, CCHP
Contracted Corrections Evaluator and Accreditation Surveyor
Emillie Feenan, RN, PHN, MSN, Assistant Director of Nursing
Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency, Public Health Division.

In addition to physical inspection and onsite interviews, reviews of Policy and Procedure manuals were conducted electronically and in person.

Concomitant onsite Environmental Health inspections were conducted by the following:

Jennifer Mead, Environmental Health Specialist
Santa Cruz County Health Services Agency, Environmental Health Division

Concomitant onsite Nutritional Health inspections were conducted by the following:

Caren Dix, RDN, Nutrition Consultant.

These reports are attached.

Overall, Title 15 inspections in 2024 show the facility to be well maintained and clean, with dedicated Court and Custody staff who work together to care for the inmates.

There were no deficiencies identified in any of the Environmental Health or Nutritional Health inspections. Specific recommendations were made by the Environmental Health team as well as the nutritional evaluator; please see the reports for details.

There were no deficiencies identified in the Medical and Mental Health inspection. There were, however, recommendations were made regarding screening for communicable diseases. Please refer to the report for details.

Please contact me with concerns or questions.

Sincerely,

Lisa B. Hernandez, MD, MPH
Health Officer, County of Santa Cruz

**ADULT COURT AND TEMPORARY HOLDING FACILITIES**
**Local Detention Facility Health Inspection Report**
**Health and Safety Code Section 101045**

BSCC #: _____

| FACILITY NAME: | COUNTY: |
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| Santa Cruz Courthouse | Santa Cruz |

FACILITY ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, ZIP CODE, TELEPHONE):

701 Ocean St. Ste 110,
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

| CHECK THE FACILITY TYPE AS DEFINED IN TITLE 15, SECTION 1006: | COURT HOLDING FACILITY | TEMPORARY HOLDING FACILITY |
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| ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION | DATE INSPECTED: 5/28/2024 |
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EVALUATORS (NAME, TITLE, TELEPHONE):

Jennifer Mead, Environmental Health Specialist, 831- 454-2745

FACILITY STAFF INTERVIEWED (NAME, TITLE, TELEPHONE):

Michael Derr, Sheriff's Sergeant, 831-420-2444
Michelle Burhans, Sheriff's Deputy, 831-454-7620

| NUTRITIONAL EVALUATION | DATE INSPECTED: |
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NUTRITIONAL EVALUATORS (NAME, TITLE, TELEPHONE):

FACILITY STAFF INTERVIEWED (NAME, TITLE, TELEPHONE):

| MEDICAL/MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION | DATE INSPECTED: |
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MEDICAL/MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATORS (NAME, TITLE, TELEPHONE):

FACILITY STAFF INTERVIEWED (NAME, TITLE, TELEPHONE):

This checklist is to be completed pursuant to the attached instructions.

# I. ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION[1]
## Adult Court and Temporary Holding Facilities

| ARTICLE/SECTION | YES | NO | N/A | COMMENTS |
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| **APPROACH FOR PROVIDING FOOD SERVICE**<br>*(Not applicable to CH)*<br>Food served in the facility is prepared in the facility. If "No," respond to items 1 and 2 below prior to continuing with the checklist. | ☐ | ☒ | ☐ | |
| 1. Food is prepared at another city or county detention facility. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | Food is prepared at Rountree Medium Facility and transported to the Santa Cruz Main Jail. |
| 2. Food is contracted through a private vendor who had been inspected and complies with provisions of CalCode. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | The County of Santa Cruz has contracted with Aramark Corrective Services for preparation of Incarcerated Persons' (IP) meals.<br><br>Food preparation for IP occurs at Rountree kitchen where the routine inspections was conducted on 5/30/2024. |
| **ARTICLE 12. FOOD** | | | | |
| **1245 KITCHEN FACILITIES, SANITATION AND FOOD SERVICE**<br>*(Not applicable to CH)*<br>(a) Kitchen facilities, sanitation, and food preparation, service and storage comply with standards set forth in Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 7, Chapters 1-13, Sections 113700 et seq. California Retail Food Code. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | Court Holding Facilities – N/A |
| (b) In facilities where incarcerated people prepare meals for self-consumption or where frozen meals or pre-prepared food from other food facilities (see Health and Safety Code Section 114381) are (re)heated and served, the following applicable California Retail Food Code standards may be waived by the local health officer.<br>(1) H & S Sections 114130-114141; | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| (2) H & S Sections 114099.6, 114095-114099.5,114101-114109, 114123 and 114125, if a domestic or commercial dishwasher, capable of providing heat to the surface of utensils of a temperature of at least 165 degrees Fahrenheit, is used for the purpose of cleaning and sanitizing multi-service utensils and multi-service consumer utensils; | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| (3) H & S Sections 114149-114149.3 except that, regardless of such a waiver, the facility shall provide mechanical ventilation sufficient to remove gases, odors, steam, heat, grease, vapors and smoke from the kitchen; | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| (4) H & S Sections 114268-114269; and, | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |

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| ARTICLE/SECTION | YES | NO | N/A | COMMENTS |
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| (5) H & S Sections 114279-114282. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| **1246 FOOD SERVING AND SUPERVISION** *(Not applicable to CH)* Policies and procedures shall be developed and implemented to ensure that appropriate work assignments are made and food handlers are adequately supervised. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | Court Holding Facilities – N/A |
| Food shall be prepared and served only under the immediate supervision of a staff member. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| **ARTICLE 14. BEDDING AND LINEN** | | | | |
| **1270 STANDARD BEDDING AND LINEN ISSUE** *(Not applicable to CH)* The standard issue of clean suitable bedding and linens, for each incarcerated person entering a living area who is expected to remain overnight, shall include, but not be limited to: | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | Court Holding Facilities – N/A |
| (a) One serviceable mattress which meets the requirements of Section 1272 of these regulations; | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| (b) one mattress cover or one sheet; | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| (c) one towel; and, | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| (d) one blanket or more depending upon climatic conditions. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| Policy and procedure shall require that items (a), (b) and (d) above be provided prior to the first night in the facility. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| Two blankets or sleep bag may be issued in place of one mattress cover or one sheet at the request of the incarcerated person. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| Temporary Holding facilities which hold persons longer than 12 hours shall provide an incarcerated person with bedding and linen that meet the requirements of (a), (b) and (d) above prior to their first night in the facility and every night thereafter. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| **1272 MATTRESSES** *(Not applicable to CH)* Any mattress issued to an incarcerated person in any facility shall be enclosed in an easily cleaned, non-absorbent ticking, and conform to the size of the bunk as referenced in Title 24, Part 2, Section 1231.3.5 Beds (*Note:* at least 30" wide X 76" long). | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| Any mattress purchased for issue to an incarcerated person in a facility which is locked to prevent unimpeded access to the outdoors, is certified by the manufacturer as meeting all requirements of the State Fire Marshal and Bureau of Home Furnishings' test standard for penal mattresses at the time of purchase. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |

| ARTICLE/SECTION | YES | NO | N/A | COMMENTS |
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| **ARTICLE 15. FACILITY SANITATION AND SAFETY** | | | | |
| **1280 FACILITY SANITATION, SAFETY, AND MAINTENANCE**<br>The facility administrator shall develop written policies and procedures for the maintenance of an acceptable level of cleanliness, repair and safety throughout the facility. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| Such a plan shall provide for a regular schedule of housekeeping tasks and inspections to identify and correct unsanitary or unsafe conditions or work practices which may be found. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| Medical care housing as described in Title 24, Part 2, Section 1231.2.14, shall be cleaned and sanitized according to policies and procedures established by the health authority. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | No medical care housing provided at court holding facilities |

Summary of Environmental Health Evaluation:

- This facility has 5 holding cells and each cell is equipped with a toilet and sink.
- Inmates are generally held at this location for less than 4 hours.
- If inmates remain in court holding through to lunch, food from the Main Jail facility is delivered.
- Overall, the facility is clean and well maintained.

Items noted during inspection to repair:

- Eliminate chipping paint on walls of holding cells. Provide smooth, easy to clean surfaces in holding cells.

**ADULT COURT AND TEMPORARY HOLDING FACILITIES**
**Local Detention Facility Health Inspection Report**
**Health and Safety Code Section 101045**

BSCC #: _____

| FACILITY NAME: **Santa Cruz Superior Courthouse** | COUNTY: **Santa Cruz** |
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FACILITY ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, ZIP CODE, TELEPHONE):

**701 Ocean Street**
**Santa Cruz, CA 95060**

**(831) 420-2200**

| CHECK THE FACILITY TYPE AS DEFINED IN TITLE 15, SECTION 1006: | COURT HOLDING FACILITY ☒ | TEMPORARY HOLDING FACILITY ☐ |
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| ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION | DATE INSPECTED: |
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ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EVALUATORS (NAME, TITLE, TELEPHONE):

FACILITY STAFF INTERVIEWED (NAME, TITLE, TELEPHONE):

| NUTRITIONAL EVALUATION | DATE INSPECTED: **May 16, 2024** |
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NUTRITIONAL EVALUATORS (NAME, TITLE, TELEPHONE):

**Caren Dix RDN, Nutrition Consultant, (831) 295-2871**

FACILITY STAFF INTERVIEWED (NAME, TITLE, TELEPHONE):
**Kristen Mitchel, Food Service Manager, (831) 454-7842**
**Sergeant Michael Derr, Santa Cruz County Sheriff, (831) 454-7628**

| MEDICAL/MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION | DATE INSPECTED: |
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MEDICAL/MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATORS (NAME, TITLE, TELEPHONE):

FACILITY STAFF INTERVIEWED (NAME, TITLE, TELEPHONE):

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## II. NUTRITIONAL HEALTH EVALUATION[1]
## Adult Temporary Holding Facilities

| ARTICLE/SECTION | YES | NO | N/A | COMMENTS |
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| **ARTICLE 12. FOOD** | | | | |
| **1240 FREQUENCY OF SERVING**<br>In Temporary Holding, Type I, II, and III facilities, and those Type IV facilities where food is served, food shall be served three times in any 24-hour period. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| At least one of these meals shall include hot food. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | Dinner is not served at the court holding facility |
| Supplemental food must be served to incarcerated persons if more than 14 hours pass between evening and morning meals. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| Supplemental food must be served to people on medical diets in less than the time period outlined above, if prescribed by the responsible physician. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| A minimum of fifteen minutes shall be allowed for the actual consumption of each meal except for those on medical diets where the responsible physician has prescribed additional time. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | About 1 hour is given for lunch, following the court lunch break |
| Provisions shall be made for incarcerated persons who may miss a regularly scheduled facility meal. They shall be provided with a substitute meal and beverage, and [persons] on medical diets shall be provided with their prescribed meal. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| **1241 MINIMUM DIET**<br>The minimum diet provided shall be based upon the nutritional and caloric requirements found in the 2019 Dietary Reference Intakes (DRI) of the Food and Nutrition Board, Institute of Medicine of the National Academies, and the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, which are hereby incorporated by reference. Facilities providing religious, vegetarian or medical diets, shall also conform to these nutrition standards. The nutritional requirements for the minimum diet are specified in the following subsections. A daily or weekly average of the food group's requirement is acceptable. A wide variety of food should be served. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| (a) Protein Group. Includes beef, veal, lamb, pork, poultry, fish, eggs, cooked dry beans, peas, lentils, nuts, peanut butter and textured vegetable protein (TVP). One serving equals 14 grams or more of protein; the daily requirements shall be equal to three servings (a total of 42 grams per day or 294 grams per week). In addition, there shall be a requirement to serve a fourth serving from the legumes three days a week. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |

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| (b) Dairy Group. Includes milk (fluid, evaporated or dry; nonfat, 1% or 2% reduced fat, etc.); cheese (cottage, cheddar, etc.); yogurt; ice cream or ice milk; and pudding. A serving is equivalent to 8 oz. of fluid milk and provides at least 250 mg. of calcium. All milk shall be pasteurized and fortified with Vitamins A and D. The daily requirement is three servings. One serving can be from a fortified food containing at least 150 mg. of calcium. For persons 15-17 years of age, or pregnant and lactating people, the requirement is four servings of milk or milk products. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| (c) Vegetable-Fruit Group. Includes fresh, frozen, dried and canned vegetables and fruits. One serving equals: 1/2 cup vegetable or fruit; 6 ounces of 100% juice; 1 medium apple, orange, banana, or potato; 1/2 grapefruit; or 1/4 cup dried fruit. The daily requirement of fruits and vegetables shall be five servings. At least one serving shall be from each of the following three categories: | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| (1) One serving of a fresh fruit or vegetable per day, or seven (7) servings per week. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| (2) One serving of a Vitamin C source containing 30 mg. or more per day or seven (7) servings per week. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| (3) One serving of a Vitamin A source, fruit or vegetable, containing 200 micrograms Retinol Equivalents (RE) or more per day, or seven servings per week. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| (d) Grain Group. Includes bread, rolls, pancakes, sweet rolls, ready-to-eat cereals, cooked cereals, corn bread, pasta, rice, tortillas, etc. and any food item containing whole or enriched grains. At least three servings from this group must be made with whole grains. The daily requirements shall be a minimum of six servings. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| Providing only the minimum servings outlined in this regulation is not sufficient to meet an incarcerated person's caloric requirements. Additional servings from the dairy, vegetable-fruit, and bread-cereal groups must be provided in amounts to meet daily caloric requirements. Saturated dietary fat should not exceed 10 percent of total calories on a weekly basis. Fat shall be added only in minimum amounts necessary to make the diet palatable. Facility diets shall consider the recommendations and intentions of the 2020-2025 Dietary Guidelines of Americans of reducing overall sugar and sodium levels. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| **1243 FOOD SERVICE PLAN**<br>*Note: This regulation requires Temporary Holding facilities to have a food service plan; however, the intent is that policies and procedures only address those areas that apply to the facility operation.* | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |

Summary of nutritional health evaluation:

**The Santa Cruz Superior Court temporary holding area serves lunch to the incarcerated persons in their custody waiting for court. When incarcerated persons are transported to the Santa Cruz temporary court holding area, lunch is brought and stored in a refrigerator and daily temperatures are taken, to ensure food safety. The lunches follow the same lunch menu and are prepared at the Rountree facility and follow the Dietary Guidelines for Americans. All Title 15 regulations are met, but it is recommended to update the Food Service Plan, to include more detail on food holding, and refrigerator temperature recording.**

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**Local Detention Facility Health Inspection Report**
**Health and Safety Code Section 101045**

BSCC #: _____

| FACILITY NAME: Santa Cruz Superior Court | COUNTY: Santa Cruz County |
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| FACILITY ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, ZIP CODE, TELEPHONE): 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz CA 95060 | |

| CHECK THE FACILITY TYPE AS DEFINED IN TITLE 15, SECTION 1006: | COURT HOLDING FACILITY x☐ | TEMPORARY HOLDING FACILITY ☐ |
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| ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION | DATE INSPECTED: |
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| ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH EVALUATORS (NAME, TITLE, TELEPHONE): | |
| FACILITY STAFF INTERVIEWED (NAME, TITLE, TELEPHONE): | |
| NUTRITIONAL EVALUATION | DATE INSPECTED: |
| NUTRITIONAL EVALUATORS (NAME, TITLE, TELEPHONE): | |
| FACILITY STAFF INTERVIEWED (NAME, TITLE, TELEPHONE): | |
| MEDICAL/MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION | DATE INSPECTED: 5/24/2024 |
| MEDICAL/MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATORS (NAME, TITLE, TELEPHONE): Dr. Chia-Chen Lee, DNP, MSN, FNP-C, RN, PHN, CCHP (408)790-7366 | |
| FACILITY STAFF INTERVIEWED (NAME, TITLE, TELEPHONE): FTO Michelle Burhgns (831)454-7620 | |

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## III. MEDICAL/MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION[1]
## Adult Court and Temporary Holding Facilities

| ARTICLE/SECTION | YES | NO | N/A | COMMENTS |
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| **ARTICLE 11. MEDICAL/MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES** | | | | |
| **1200 RESPONSIBILITY FOR HEALTH CARE SERVICES**<br>(b) In court holding and temporary holding facilities, the facility administrator shall have the responsibility to develop written policies and procedures which ensure provision of emergency health care services to all incarcerated persons. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | All staff at Santa Cruz Superior Court are CPR/First Aid/AED certified every two years per Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). Santa Cruz County Sheriff's Department Court Security Manual was last updated 5/13/2024. |
| **1207 MEDICAL RECEIVING SCREENING**<br>*(Not applicable to CH)*<br>A screening shall be completed on all incarcerated persons at the time of intake. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | Receiving screening is performed on all inmates at the time of intake at the jail. However, defendants remanded to custody during their court appearances are transferred immediately to the booking area across the street for medical/mental health screening. |
| This screening shall be completed in accordance with written procedures and shall include but not be limited to medical and mental health problems, developmental disabilities, and communicable diseases. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| The screening shall be performed by licensed health personnel or trained facility staff, with documentation of staff training regarding site specific forms with appropriate disposition based on responses to questions and observations made at the time of screening. The training depends on the role staff are expected to play in the receiving screening process. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| The facility administrator and responsible physician shall develop a written plan for complying with Penal Code Section 2656 (orthopedic or prosthetic appliance used by incarcerated persons). | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| There shall be a written plan to provide care for any incarcerated person who appears at this screening to be in need of or who requests medical, mental health, or developmental disability treatment. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | Fire Department/Paramedics located across the street are the primary emergency medical responders for emergencies. The last ambulance call was on the day of the inspection for a civilian who had a seizure. The ambulance arrived within 5 minutes of the 911 call. |
| Written procedures and screening protocol shall be established by the responsible physician in cooperation with the facility administrator. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |

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| **1209 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES AND TRANSFER TO A TREATMENT FACILITY**<br>*(Not applicable to CH)*<br>(a) The health authority, in cooperation with the mental health director and facility administrator, shall establish policies and procedures to provide mental health services. These services shall include but not be limited to: | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | Court holding facility. |
| 1. Identification and referral of incarcerated persons with mental health needs; | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| 2. Mental health treatment programs provided by qualified staff, including the use of telehealth; | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| 3. Crisis intervention services; | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| 4. Basic mental health services provided to incarcerated persons as clinically indicated; | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| 5. Medication support services; and, | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| 6. The provision of health services sufficiently coordinated such that care is appropriately integrated, medical and mental health needs are met, and the impact of any of these conditions on each other is adequately addressed. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| (b) Unless the county has elected to implement the provisions of Penal Code Section 1369.1, a mentally disordered incarcerated person who appears to be a danger to themself or others, or to be gravely disabled, shall be transferred for further evaluation to a designated Lanterman Petris Short treatment facility designated by the county and approved by the State Department of Health Care Services for diagnosis and treatment of such apparent mental disorder pursuant to Penal Code section 4011.6 or 4011.8 unless the jail contains a designated Lanterman Petris Short treatment facility. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| Prior to the transfer, the person may be evaluated by licensed health personnel to determine if treatment can be initiated at the correctional facility. Licensed health personnel may perform an onsite assessment to determine if the person meets the criteria for admission to an inpatient facility, or if treatment can be initiated in the correctional facility. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| (c) If the county elects to implement the provisions of Penal Code Section 1369.1, the health authority, in cooperation with the facility administrator, shall establish policies and procedures for involuntary administration of medications. The procedures shall include, but not be limited to: | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| 1. Designation of licensed personnel, including psychiatrist and nursing staff, authorized to order and administer involuntary medication; | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| 2. Designation of an appropriate setting where the involuntary administration of medication will occur; | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |

| ARTICLE/SECTION | YES | NO | N/A | COMMENTS |
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| 3. Designation of restraint procedures and devices that may be used to maintain the safety of the incarcerated person and facility staff; | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| 4. Development of a written plan to monitor the incarcerated person's medical condition following the initial involuntary administration of a medication, until the person is cleared as a result of an evaluation by, or consultation with, a psychiatrist; | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| 5. Development of a written plan to provide a minimum level of ongoing monitoring of the incarcerated person following return to facility housing. This monitoring may be performed by custody staff trained to recognize signs of possible medical problems and alert medical staff when indicated; and | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| 6. Documentation of the administration of involuntary medication in the incarcerated person's medical record. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| **1212 VERMIN CONTROL**<br>*(Not applicable to CH)*<br>The responsible physician shall develop a written plan for the control and treatment of incarcerated persons who are found to be vermin-infested. There shall be written, medical protocols, signed by the responsible physician, for the treatment of persons suspected of being infested or having contact with a vermin-infested incarcerated person. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | Court holding facility. Vermin-infested inmates are treated in jails. |
| **1213 DETOXIFICATION TREATMENT**<br>*(Not applicable to CH)*<br>The responsible physician shall develop written medical policies on detoxification which shall include a statement as to whether detoxification will be provided within the facility or require transfer to a licensed medical facility. The facility detoxification protocol shall include procedures and symptoms necessitating immediate transfer to a hospital or other medical facility. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | Court holding facility, inmates experiencing severe detox are not fit for court appearances. Judges are notified in advance if inmates are unable to appear in court for medical reasons. |
| Facilities without medically licensed personnel in attendance shall not retain incarcerated people undergoing withdrawal reactions judged or defined in policy, by the responsible physician, as not being readily controllable with available medical treatment. Such facilities shall arrange for immediate transfer to an appropriate medical facility. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| **1220 FIRST AID KITS**<br>First aid kit(s) shall be available in all facilities. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | First Aid kit and AEDs are inspected monthly and documented on the computer. Logs reviewed. The Sheriff's court areas are equipped with two AEDs, one on each side of the hallway, near the holding cells. AED pads expire, 12/12/2025 and 4/4/2025. |

| ARTICLE/SECTION | YES | NO | N/A | COMMENTS |
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| The responsible physician shall approve the contents, number, location and procedure for periodic inspection of the kit(s). In Court and Temporary Holding facilities, the facility administrator shall have the above approval authority, pursuant to Section 1200 of these regulations. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | The first-floor court administration area near the exit door has an AED, the pad expires 5/26/2027. |
| **ARTICLE 4. RECORDS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION** | | | | |
| **1046 DEATH IN CUSTODY**<br>(a) Death in Custody Reviews for Adults and Minors.<br>The facility administrator, in cooperation with the health administrator, shall develop written policy and procedures to ensure that there is an initial review of every in-custody death within 30 days. The review team at a minimum shall include the facility administrator or designee, the health administrator, the responsible physician and other health care and supervision staff who are relevant to the incident. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | No in-custody deaths during the past inspection year. |
| Deaths shall be reviewed to determine the appropriateness of clinical care; whether changes to policies, procedures, or practices are warranted; and to identify issues that require further study. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| (b) Death of a Minor.<br>In any case in which a minor dies while detained in a jail, lockup, or court holding facility:<br>(1) The administrator of the facility shall provide to the Board a copy of the report submitted to the Attorney General under Government Code Section 12525. A copy of the report shall be submitted within ten calendar days after the death. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | No minors are in this court. |
| (2) Upon receipt of a report of death of a minor from the administrator, the Board may within thirty calendar days inspect and evaluate the jail, lockup, or court holding facility pursuant to the provisions of this subchapter. Any inquiry made by the Board shall be limited to the standards and requirements set forth in these regulations. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| **ARTICLE 5. CLASSIFICATION AND SEPARATION** | | | | |
| **1051 COMMUNICABLE DISEASES**<br>The facility administrator, in cooperation with the responsible physician, shall develop written policies and procedures specifying those symptoms that require medical isolation of an incarcerated person until a medical evaluation is completed. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | Communicable diseases are part of receiving screening at the main jail during the booking process. However, defendants remanded to custody during their court appearances are transferred immediately to the booking area across the street for medical/mental health screening. |
| At the time of intake into the facility, an inquiry shall be made of the person being booked as to whether the person has or has had any communicable diseases, such as tuberculosis or has observable symptoms of tuberculosis or any other communicable diseases, or other special medical problem identified by the health authority. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |

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| The response shall be noted on the medical screening form. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| **1052 BEHAVIORAL CRISIS IDENTIFICATION**<br>The facility administrator, in cooperation with the responsible physician, shall develop written policies and procedures to identify and evaluate all incarcerated people who may be in behavioral crisis. Evaluation of behavioral crisis may include telehealth. If an evaluation from medical or mental health staff is not readily available, an incarcerated person shall be considered in behavioral crisis for the purpose of this section if they appear to be a danger to themselves or others or appear gravely disabled. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | Inmates with unstable mental illnesses will need to be medically cleared before court appearances. Any inmates in crisis will be transferred back to the jail. |
| An evaluation from medical or mental health staff shall be secured within 24 hours of identification or at the next daily sick call, whichever is earliest. Separation may be used if necessary, to protect the safety of the person in crisis or others. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| **1055 USE OF SAFETY CELL**<br>The safety cell described in Title 24, Part 2, Section 1231.2.5, shall be used to hold only those people who display behavior which results in the destruction of property or reveals an intent to cause physical harm to self or others. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | No safety cells in this courthouse. |
| The facility administrator, in cooperation with the responsible physician, shall develop written policies and procedures governing safety cell use and may delegate authority to place an incarcerated person in a safety cell to a physician. Policies and procedures shall include, but not be limited to: | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| (a) In no case shall the safety cell be used for punishment or as a substitute for treatment. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| (b) A person shall be placed in a safety cell only with the approval of the facility manager or designee, or responsible health care staff; continued retention shall be reviewed a minimum of every four hours. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| (c) A medical assessment shall be completed as soon as possible, but not more than 12 hours from the time of placement in the safety cell. The person shall be medically cleared for continued retention, referral to advanced treatment, or removal from the safety cell a minimum of every 24 hours thereafter. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| (d) The facility manager, designee or responsible health care staff shall obtain a mental health opinion/consultation with responsible health care staff on placement and retention, which shall be secured as soon as possible, but not more than 12 hours from placement. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| (e) Direct visual observation shall be conducted at least twice every 30 minutes, with no more than 15-minute lapse between safety checks. Such observation shall be documented. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |

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| (f) Procedures shall be established to assure administration of necessary nutrition and fluids. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| (g) People placed in the safety cell shall be allowed to retain sufficient clothing, or be provided with a suitably designed "safety garment," to provide for their personal privacy unless specific identifiable risks to the person's safety or to the security of the facility are documented. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| **1056 USE OF SOBERING CELL**<br>The sobering cell described in Title 24, Part 2, Section 1231.2.4, shall be used for temporary holding of incarcerated people who are a threat to their own safety or the safety of others due to their state of intoxication. A person shall be removed from the sobering cell as soon as they are able to continue the admission process or are no longer a risk to themselves or others. In no case shall a person remain in a sobering cell over six hours without an evaluation by medical or custody staff to determine whether the person has an urgent medical problem, pursuant to section 1213 of these regulations. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | No sobering cells in this courthouse. |
| At 12 hours from the time of placement, all persons must receive an evaluation by responsible health care staff. Intermittent direct visual observation of people held in the sobering cell shall be conducted no less than every half hour. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| Such observation shall be documented. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| **1057 DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**<br>The facility administrator, in cooperation with the responsible physician, shall develop written policies and procedures for the identification and evaluation, appropriate classification and housing, protection, and nondiscrimination of all incarcerated persons with developmental disabilities. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | This is a court holding facility. Developmentally disabled persons usually come to the court with an advocate and are separated. |
| The health authority or designee shall contact the regional center for any incarcerated person suspected or confirmed to have a developmental disability for the purposes of diagnosis or treatment within 24 hours of such determination, excluding holidays and weekends. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| **1058 USE OF RESTRAINT DEVICES**<br>The facility administrator, in cooperation with the responsible physician, shall develop and implement written policies and procedures for the use of restraint devices. Restraint devices include any devices which immobilize extremities or prevent the incarcerated person from being ambulatory. The provisions of this section do not apply to the use of handcuffs, shackles, or other restraint devices when used to restrain incarcerated people for security reasons. The facility manager may delegate authority to place an incarcerated person in restraints to responsible health care staff. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | Jail staff use restraints for inmates transported to a court holding facility.<br>Pregnant inmates are not handcuffed except in unusual circumstances with a supervisor's approval. Inmates older than sixty-five years are not handcuffed or restrained. |

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| (a) The policy shall address the following areas: (1) acceptable restraint devices; | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | No restraint chair nor WRAP restraint in the courthouse. Oleoresin Capsicum (O.C.) spray is available but seldom used. |
| (2) signs or symptoms which should result in immediate medical/mental health referral; availability of cardiopulmonary resuscitation equipment; | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| (3) protective housing of restrained persons; | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| (4) provision for hydration and sanitation needs; and, | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| (5) exercising extremities. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| (b) Policy shall also include, but not be limited to, the following requirements: | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| (1) In no case shall restraints be used for punishment or as a substitute for treatment. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | No restraint is used for punishment nor substitute for treatment. |
| (2) Restraint devices shall only be used on incarcerated people who display behavior which results in the destruction of property or reveal an intent to cause physical harm to self or others. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | Inmates exhibiting destructive behavior or an intent to harm self or others will be transported back to the jail immediately. |
| (3) Restraint devices should be used only when less restrictive alternatives, including verbal de-escalation techniques, have been attempted and are deemed ineffective. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| (4) An incarcerated person shall be placed in restraints only with the approval of the facility manager, the facility watch commander, or responsible health care staff; continued retention shall be reviewed a minimum of every hour. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | Inmates 65 years and older are not restrained in any manner except by handcuffs to the front if they present a threat to their own safety or the safety of others. A supervisor must be contacted immediately to make individual decisions. |
| (5) Continuous direct visual observation shall be maintained until a medical opinion can be obtained. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | Inmates exhibiting destructive behavior or an intent to harm self or others will be transported back to jails immediately. No inmates are held in the court with continuous restraints. |
| (6) A medical opinion on placement and retention shall be secured within one hour from the time of placement. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| (7) A medical assessment shall be completed within four hours of placement. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| (8) Continuous direct visual observation shall be conducted at least twice every 30 minutes to ensure that the restrains are properly employed, and to ensure the safety and well-being of the incarcerated person. Such observation shall be documented. While in restraint devices all incarcerated persons shall be housed alone or in a specified housing area which makes provisions to protect the person from abuse. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| (9) If the facility manager, or designee, in consultation with responsible health care staff determines that an incarcerated person cannot be safely removed from restraints after eight hours, the person shall be taken to a medical facility for further evaluation. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| (10) Where applicable. The facility manager shall use the restraint device manufacturer's recommended maximum time limits for placement. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |

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| (11) All events and information related to the placement in restraints shall be documented and shall be video recorded unless exigent circumstances prevent staff from doing so. The documentation shall include: the reason for placement; person authorizing placement; names of staff involved in the placement; injuries sustained; and the duration of placement. | ☐ | ☐ | ☒ | |
| **1058.5 RESTRAINTS AND PREGNANT PERSONS**<br><br>The facility administrator, in cooperation with the responsible physician, shall develop written policies and procedures for the use of restraint devices on pregnant people. In accordance with Penal Code Section 3407, the policy shall include reference to the following: | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | Pregnant females are not restrained except by handcuffs to the front if they present a threat to their own safety or the safety of others. A supervisor must be contacted immediately to make individual decisions. |
| (1) An incarcerated person known to be pregnant or in recovery after delivery or termination of the pregnancy shall not be restrained by the use of leg or waist restraints, or handcuffs behind the body. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| (2) An incarcerated pregnant person in labor, during delivery, or in recovery after delivery or termination of the pregnancy, shall not be restrained by the wrists, ankles, or both, unless deemed necessary for the safety and security of the incarcerated person, the staff, or the public. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| (3) Restraints shall be removed when a professional who is currently responsible for the medical care of an incarcerated pregnant person during a medical emergency, labor, delivery, or recovery after delivery or termination of the pregnancy determines that the removal of restraints is medically necessary. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |
| (4) Upon confirmation of an incarcerated person's pregnancy, they shall be advised, orally or in writing, of the standards and policies governing incarcerated pregnant people. | ☒ | ☐ | ☐ | |

Summary of medical/mental health evaluation:

The Santa Cruz County Superior Court holding facility is clean and well organized. There are seven court rooms on the ground floor and a basement containing five holding cells. Inmates spend an average of two to three hours in the courthouse for court appearances, except inmates with jury trials. The first aid kits and AEDs are inspected monthly and documented electronically.

Inmates with medical alerts are documented in the Jail Management System (JMS) "note section" by the jail medical staff. A court list of inmates who will appear in the court is sent to the medical staff at 0400 daily during court operational days. Night shift nurses review the inmates' medical records and administer prescribed medications prior to the court transport in the morning. Inmates with unique medical needs or precautions are communicated via a "Inmates with Alerts" list from nurses to the transportation deputy. On the day of the inspection, there were eight inmates on the list. For inmates with a history of asthma, an emergency box in the holding area is equipped with *Albuterol* rescue inhalers. Inmates in need of rescue inhalers may use the inhaler on a needed basis. The holding area deputy will document the inhaler usage in the JMS and communicate with the medical staff.

If an inmate becomes ill or injured while in the courthouse, the deputy will call for the inmate to be returned to the jail for further evaluation and treatment. If the illness or injury is severe, 911 will be called. The Santa Cruz County Fire Department responds to all EMS requests. All deputies are CPR/AED certified every two years, per "Peace Officer Standards and Training" (POST).

**Recommendation**:

Currently, defendants remanded to custody during their court appearance are screened for communicable diseases. The screening was reviewed and included hepatitis, scabies, whooping cough, venereal diseases, tuberculosis, meningitis, flu and/or virus infections. It is recommended to revise the language to include cough, fever, and rashes, as defendants may not be familiar with the medical diagnoses.

**Santa Cruz Superior Court holding facility meets all applicable Title 15 Standards for Medical/Mental Health.**

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