



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:

West Central Regional Juvenile Center

Address: 919 Eighth Avenue, PO BOX 280, Moorhead, MN 56560

MN Governing Rule: 2960 Children's Residential Facility

Inspection Type: Biennial **Inspected By:** Lisa Becking – Senior Detention Facility Inspector **Inspected on:** 03/29/2016 to 03/31/2016

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

Officials Present During Inspection: Administrative Director Stephen Larson

Officials Present for Exit Interview: Administrative Director Stephen Larson

Issued Inspection Report to: Administrative Director Stephen Larson; Regional Manager Sherry Hill

RULE COMPLIANCE SUMMARY

Rule Chapter	Requirement Type	Total Applicable	Total Compliance	Total Non Compliance
2960	Mandatory	316	316	0

TERMS OF OPERATION

Authority to Operate: approval **Begins On:** 05/01/2016 **Ends On:** 04/30/2018 **Facility Type:** Secure/Non-Secure Juvenile Residential/Detention Facility
Placed on Biennial Status: Yes **Biennial Status Annual Compliance Form Due On:** 04/30/2017
Delinquent Juvenile Hold Approval: **Certificate Holder:** West Central Regional Juvenile Center
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	Pre 96 LTSR	Post 96 LTSR	Bed Details	Conditions
Interchangeable non-secure residential/detention	Coed	15	100	15.00	0	0	None.	None.
Interchangeable secure residential/detention	Coed	30	100	30.00	6	14	None.	None.

Variances

1. MN Rule 2960.0120. 2.A. PHYSICAL PLANT STANDARDS. - Code compliance. - None. **Conditions:** None.

RULE COMPLIANCE DETAILS

Chapter 2960 - Mandatory Rules In Compliance With Concerns**Total: 1****1. 2960.0710 RESTRICTIVE PROCEDURES CERTIFICATION. Subpart 8. Disciplinary room time use.**

Disciplinary room time must be used only for major violations and be used according to the facility's restrictive procedures plan. In addition to the restrictive procedures plan requirements in subpart 2, the license holder who uses disciplinary room time must meet the following requirements: A. the license holder must give the resident written notice of an alleged violation of a facility rule; B. the license holder must tell the resident that the resident has a right to be heard by an impartial person regarding the alleged violation of facility rules; and C. the license holder must tell the resident that the resident has the right to appeal the determination made by the impartial person in item B internally to a higher authority at the facility.

Inspection Findings:

Disciplinary room time appears to be used within the constraints of the rule requirements, however the frequency in which it is used and the length of hours residents are receiving appears excessive under the documented circumstances.

Corrective Actions:

Consider shortening the length of time given or require staff to notify the supervisor if hours exceed a certain number. Also, additional alternatives to DRT should be looked at.

Response Needed By:

INSPECTION COMMENTS

Sections of 2960 that are applicable to your facility included: Administrative Standards, Group Residential, Corrections, Detention and Restrictive procedures certifications on the non-secure program. All of the above including Secure certification for the secure program. Inspection results are contained in this report.

This inspection visit consisted of a tour of the main building, including the nursing department, school units, staff areas, gymnasium and recreation room, intake area and all living units and resident bedrooms. The inspection also included discussions with multiple administration and staff members, review of staff and resident files, a review of camera footage, a review of logs and other pertinent documentation, and a review of the policy and procedure manual.

The following suggestions are provided as information to assure added safety and security for residents and staff;

1. Consider placing one camera in a resident bedroom, on each pod to assist with high observation needs of residents. The number of residents placed in secure detention with severe mental health needs has significantly increased in the last five years. The ability to have at minimum one camera room on each pod would assist with observation when there are more than one resident with high risk behaviors.
2. Consider adding "incentive based" programing on both the secure and non-secure units.

I would like to thank you for your cooperation during this licensing visit.

JJDPA Compliance

The West Central Regional Juvenile Center was found in compliance with JJDPA requirements. Data was reviewed from Oct 1, 2015 to March 31, 2016. No violations were found in the reviewed documentation of intakes, discharges and resident files. The non-secure unit is truly non-secure.

Report completed By: Lisa Becking – Senior Detention Facility Inspector

Signature:


