

Date: December 2, 2019

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Re: Compliance Inspection of the South Texas Family Residential Center

From November 12, 2019 to November 13, 2019, I conducted a monthly inspection at the South Texas Family Residential Center (STFRC). The following activities were conducted and findings noted:

Standard	Type of Inspection	Finding
1.1 Emergency Plans	Monthly	Compliant
1.2 Environmental Health and Safety	Monthly	Compliant w/ issues; Partially Inspected
1.3 Transportation by Land	Monthly	Not Inspected
1.4 Housekeeping and Voluntary Work Program	Monthly	Compliant
2.1 Admissions and Release	Monthly	Compliant
2.2 Contraband	Monthly	Compliant
2.3 Funds and Personal Property	Monthly	Compliant
2.4 Key and Lock Control	Monthly	Compliant
2.5 Resident Census	Monthly	Compliant
2.6 Searches of Residents	Monthly	Compliant
2.7 Sexual Abuse and Assault Prevention and Intervention	Monthly	Compliant
2.8 Staff-Resident Communications	Monthly	Compliant
2.9 Tool Control	Monthly	Compliant
2.10 Use of Physical Control Measures and Restraints	Monthly	Compliant
3.1 Discipline and Behavior Management	Monthly	Compliant
4.1 Food Services	Monthly	Compliant
4.2 Hunger Strikes	Monthly	Compliant
4.3 Medical Care	Monthly	Compliant; Partially Inspected
4.4 Personal Hygiene	Monthly	Compliant
4.5 Suicide Prevention and Intervention	Monthly	Compliant
4.6 Terminal Illness, Advance Directives and Death	Monthly	Compliant; Partially Inspected
5.1 Correspondence and Other Mail	Monthly	Compliant
5.2 Educational Policy	Monthly	Compliant; Partially Inspected
5.3 Escorted Trips for Non-Medical Emergencies	Monthly	Compliant
5.4 Marriage Requests	Monthly	Compliant
5.5 Recreation	Monthly	Compliant; Partially Inspected
5.6 Religious Practices	Monthly	Compliant; Partially Inspected
5.7 Telephone Access	Monthly	Compliant; Partially Inspected
5.8 Visitation	Monthly	Compliant
6.1 Grievance System	Monthly	Compliant

6.2 Law Libraries and Legal Materials	Monthly	Compliant
6.3 Legal Rights Group Presentations	Monthly	Not Inspected
7.1 Residential Files	Monthly	Compliant
7.2 News Media Interviews and Tours	Monthly	Compliant
7.3 Staff Hiring and Training	Monthly	Compliant; Partially Inspected
7.4 Transfer of Residents	Monthly	Compliant
7.5 Post Orders	Monthly	Compliant

Overall Observations

- Total population on the first day of inspection: 1,609
- Total number of adult females: 699
- Total number of male juveniles: 426
- Total number of female juveniles: 484
- Total number of school aged children: 696
- Average length of stay: 34.53 days
- Longest stay: 91 days
- Total number of discharges from October 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019: 494
- Total number of intakes from October 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019: 1,581
- The total census from the previous month has increased significantly (from 1,107 to 1,609) as well as the average length of stay (from 12.75 days to 34.53 days). The facility appears to be managing the increased population and length of stay well.

Current Inspection Findings

I. Areas of Noncompliance

There were no areas of noncompliance identified during this inspection.

Status of Previously Identified Noncompliant Areas

II. Areas of Noncompliance

There were no previously identified areas of non-compliance.

III. Areas of Compliance with Issues Identified

There were no new areas of compliance with issues identified. See the section below regarding previously identified areas of compliance with issues identified.

Status of Previously Identified Issues

III. Previous Area of Compliance with Issues Identified

Issues with artificial grass/turf that were previously identified do not appear to have been resolved.

1.2 Environmental Health and Safety

- **Observation(s):** I observed tattered and worn artificial grass/turf. The artificial grass/turf was coming up in several areas around the Yellow Frog 1 housing unit and the recreation area near the Yellow Frog and Red Parrot housing units. This poses a tripping risk for residents and staff. There were work orders in place to fix these areas. There was a missing window screen in Yellow Frog 2 and a hole in the ground by the gym near the Green Turtle 1 housing unit. I showed pictures of the areas listed to .

Mitigation(s): The aforementioned artificial grass/turf issues must be resolved by either securing the turf or replacing it. Core Civic's administration and ICE are discussing a more permanent solution to address the artificial grass/turf issues. The screen in the Yellow Frog 2 needs to be replaced. The hole in the ground near the gym near Green Turtle 1 housing needs to be filled in with dirt. We will continue to monitor these issues.

Follow up:

11/12/2019 – Unresolved: I observed the artificial grass/turf issues noted in the previous inspection. I noted a window screen from one of the living units on the ground near the yellow housing unit. There was also trash on the ground that appeared to have blown from a nearby trash receptacle near the education trailers. There had been a significant amount of wind the previous day which may have been a contributing factor. Core Civic and ICE must determine a solution to address the artificial grass/turf issues. There appear to be issues with either the product or the installation which do not permit proper drainage. Inspection of the turf in the course of the regular safety inspections should be a priority, with identified problems being addressed through the regular work order process. The window screen discovered on the ground needs to be installed. Trash on the grounds needs to be picked up and properly disposed.