

**OKLAHOMA COMMISSION ON CHILDREN AND YOUTH
OFFICE OF JUVENILE SYSTEM OVERSIGHT**

Name and Location of Facility: Bryan County Juvenile Detention Center
Durant, Oklahoma

Date of Visit: March 29, 2007

Oversight Reviewer: Dana S. Holden, Oversight Specialist

Subject: Unannounced Visit, 2007

Date: April 30, 2007

General Information

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted a routine, unannounced visit on March 29, 2007, to the Bryan County Juvenile Detention Center, located in Durant, Oklahoma. The purpose of the visit was to assess compliance with established responsibilities. The facility was certified by the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) for six juveniles. The OJA contracted with the Bryan County Board of Commissioners who, in turn, contracted with Youth Services of Bryan County for the operation of the facility. The census on the day of the visit was six.

Persons Interviewed

- Entry interview and an exit conference with the Detention Coordinator
- Five juveniles

Documentation Reviewed

- Files on six residents
- Three personnel files
- Grievance log
- OJA Office of Public Integrity annual assessment report, dated May 9, 2006
- Oklahoma State Department of Health inspection report, dated January 31, 2006
- Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal inspection report, dated April 18, 2006

Areas Toured

- Entire facility

Overview

Interviews

The OJSO interviewed five residents. The interview questions pertained to the residents' perception of safety, detention program services, the rights of residents, discipline practices, and other detention care issues. There were no issues of concern noted from the resident interviews. The OJSO did not interview staff members during this visit.

File Reviews

The OJSO reviewed the files on six residents. The files were well-organized, and the items reviewed were easy to locate. The OJSO noted:

- Documentation for consent/authorization of medical treatment, or a request for consent, was not contained in four files reviewed.
- School/education history was not documented for the resident in one file reviewed.
- Documentation did not indicate four times in one file reviewed that medication was administered to the resident at the interval prescribed.
- Documentation did not indicate once in one file reviewed that medication was administered to the resident at the interval prescribed.

No other concerns were noted from the resident file reviews.

The personnel files of three direct care staff members were reviewed. The OJSO could not verify the total number of annual training hours for each employee. The OJSO was advised by the facility director that the data regarding employee training was maintained on the computer, and due to a computer system failure, the employee training records were not retrievable. No other concerns were noted from the employee file reviews.

Observational Tour

The OJSO conducted a tour of the facility. On the day of the OJSO visit, the facility was clean and well-maintained. No concerns were noted from the observational tour. The Oklahoma State Department of Health, the Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal, and the OJA Office of Public Integrity had conducted annual inspections in early 2006. The findings of the health department and the Fire Marshal's office were noted in the OJSO's last oversight report.

Summary

On the day of the OJSO visit, the documentation was in good order and the files were complete, with the exceptions noted. The interactions observed between staff and the residents were appropriate. The residents made positive comments regarding the staff and the program.

Findings

1. Four of the six files reviewed on residents did not contain documentation of consent/authorization, or requests for consent, for medical treatment. Office of Juvenile Affairs policy OAC 377:3-13-40, Records, (a), (16), states, "Facility staff shall complete a confidential record for each juvenile admitted to the facility and include, at the minimum . . . medical consent forms, court orders authorizing medical treatment, or documentation of request for medical consent."
2. One of the six files reviewed on residents did not document school/education history for the resident. Office of Juvenile Affairs policy OAC 377:3-13-40, Records, (a), (13), states, "Facility staff shall complete a confidential record for each juvenile admitted to the facility and include, at the minimum . . . education and school attended."
3. Documentation indicated two residents were not given their medications at the intervals of time prescribed, nor were the reasons documented for not administering the medicines at the prescribed times. Office of Juvenile Affairs policy OAC 377:3-13-45, Program and services, (a), (7), (A), states, "Prescription medication is only administered as directed by a physician."

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