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INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Correctional Services Article, Section §8-101, HB 11/Ch. 54, 1999. Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards Annual Report, the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services is required to submit a report on the Commission's activities. The bill language states: The [Maryland] Commission [on Correctional Standards] shall report annually to the Governor and, subject to 2-1245 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on the activities of the Commission (b) Secretary and Local Governments – The Commission shall provide the Secretary and the governing body of each county and the municipal corporation that has a correctional facility with a copy of its annual report.

On or before November 15 of each year, the Commission on Correctional Standards shall submit an annual report to the Secretary and Governor on the activities of the Commission.

OVERVIEW

The Commission on Correctional Standards collaborates with criminal justice and organizations in the development, measurement, monitoring and enforcement of statewide correctional standards. The agency provides quality compliance audits that are firm, fair, consistent and promote correctional standards as a best practice. The Commission develops correctional employees through its duly authorized inspector training program and promotes accountability in correctional agency operations.

The Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards provides standards compliance audits for all local and state adult places of confinement. Commission staff develop audit reports for the Commission Board's review and approval, provides technical assistance to correct areas of non-compliance, monitors compliance plans, and takes other such actions necessary to ensure continued compliance. The Commission develops legislatively mandated standards, reviews, and updates existing standards. Commission staff provide duly authorized inspector training for local and staff correctional staff who assist in standards compliance audits.

COMMISSION ACTIVITIES

Audits

The Commission audited sixteen correctional facilities during FY 2019, four of those facilities were found to be in total compliance with all of the minimum standards for places of adult confinement during the initial audit. The Recognition of Achievement is awarded to all facilities who achieve 100% compliance at the time of their initial audit or upon successful completion of a monitoring visit. The Recognition of Achievement continues to be a benchmark for correctional facilities in the state, and represents a commitment to the standards and the audit process by managing officials. During FY 2019, there were 11 audits at Adult Detention Centers, 5 audits at Adult Correctional Institutions, and 1 audit at an Adult Community Correctional Facility totaling 17 audits. (see audit results/non-compliance breakdown-Page 6 and 7)

Duly Authorized Inspector Training

The Commission staff held two eight hour training sessions during FY 2019 which consisted of 25 perspective inspectors per session, with all candidates completing the course, being certified and receiving training credits through the Maryland Police and Correctional Training Commission. The Duly Authorized Inspector Program continues to be a vital part of the Commission's success. The training enables individuals to assist their facilities in preparation for Commission audits and aids with achieving the highest level of compliance with a greater understanding of the audit process. Trained duly authorized inspectors enhance facility procedures and provide additional tools to conduct in house audits to assess compliance.

Fire Safety Training

The Commission staff held to eight hour training sessions during FY 2019 in collaboration with the state fire marshal's office which consisted of 40 perspective fire safety officers, per session with all candidates completing the course, being certified and receiving training credits through the Maryland Police and Correctional training Commission. The objective of the training is to provide Fire Safety Officers with the information necessary to construct, implement and document an in-house fire safety program. The Fire Safety Training program is vital for the maintenance of devices, equipment, and systems, for fire prevention.

COMMISSION ACTIVITIES (Cont'd)

Commission Meetings

The twelve-member Commission includes nine persons appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate for three year terms. Correctional Services Article 8-107 requires members to be appointed as follows: two citizen members; two state correctional officials; two local correctional officials; an elected official from a local government body; a member from the medical/mental health profession and an official of a national standards accrediting body. There are three ex-officio members including the Attorney General, the Department of General Services and the Department of Budget and Management. The Commission meets on a regular quarterly basis at pre-determined correctional facilities in the state. The meetings consist of the review of audit results which includes discussions with the audited facilities, the facilities plans for corrective action and appeals. Commission members review and approve updated standards as well as new standards mandated by the General Assembly.

266 th Commission Meeting	September 27, 2018	Jessup Correctional Institution Jessup, Maryland
267 th Commission Meeting	January 31, 2019	Jessup Correctional Institution Jessup, Maryland
268 th Commission Meeting	March 28, 2019	Jessup Correctional Institution Jessup, Maryland

Recognition of Achievement Award

The following correctional facilities received the Recognition of Achievement award for FY 2019.

September 27, 2018	Worcester County Jail
September 27, 2018	Somerset County Detention Center
September 27, 2018	Carroll County Detention Center
September 27, 2018	Southern Maryland Pre-Release Unit
September 27, 2018	Dorchester County Detention Center
September 27, 2018	Roxbury Correctional Institution
September 27, 2018	Talbot County Department of Corrections
January 31, 2019	Kent County Detention Center
January 31, 2019	Chesapeake Detention Facility

CONCLUSION

The Commission continues to work in collaboration with regulatory agencies and criminal justice organizations to support its mission in the development, measurement, monitoring and enforcement of correctional standards. Audit results for the fiscal year demonstrates a high level of commitment by managing officials, the Commission Board and staff. Annual training activities in critical areas such as standard compliance, and fire safety, with the addition of thorough quality correctional facility audits and regular Commission meeting reviews, should ensure statewide standards compliance. The Maryland Commission on Correctional Standards looks forward to the challenges and accomplishments ahead. Through leadership, partnership, communication and advocating the use of standards as a management tool, we will make the State of Maryland's correctional system a model for the nation which the citizens of Maryland can be proud of. Thank you for your support as we faithfully dedicate ourselves to carrying out this important mission for the citizens of Maryland.

AUDIT RESULTS

Institution Non-compliance Breakdown – 14th Cycle (July 2018- June 2019) – FY 2019

Institution	Date	Type	TC	M/V	.01	.02	.03	.04	.05	.06	.07	.08	Total
North Branch Correctional Institution	7/17-20/2018	ACI		√	1				1		1		3
Eastern Correctional Institution	10/1-5/2018	ACI		√	2	1	2	1			1		7
Jessup Correctional Institution	2/25-3/1/2019	ACI		√	1	3	2	2	2	1		1	12
Maryland Correctional Institution for Women	4/1-5/2019	ACI		√		1							1
Brockbridge Correctional Facility	5/14-17/2019	ACI		√	4	2	3	2	3			1	15
Total ACI Audited	5												
Wicomico County Detention Center	8/14-17/2018	ADC		√	1	1	1						3
Howard County Department of Corrections	9/11-14/2018	ADC	√										0
Kent County Detention Center	10/2-4/2018	ADC	√										0
Frederick County Detention Center & Annex	10/23-26/2018	ADC		√		2							2
Baltimore County Department of Corrections	12/3-7/2018	ADC		√		2	2						4
Charles County Detention Center & Annex	1/15-17/2018	ADC		√		1	1						2
Harford County Detention Center	2/5-8/2018	ADC		√		1	2						3
Queen Anne's County Detention Center	3/12-14/2019	ADC	√										0
Cecil County Detention Center	4/30-5/3/2019	ADC		√				2					2
Youth Detention Center	6/4-6/2019	ADC		√		1		4	2		1		8
Allegany County Detention Center	6/18-20/2019	ADC		√			2				1		3
Total ADC Audited	11												
Cecil County Community Correctional Center	4/30-5/3/2019	ACCF	√										0
Total ACCF Audited	1												
14th Cycle Audit Totals	17		4	13	9	15	15	11	8	1	4	2	65

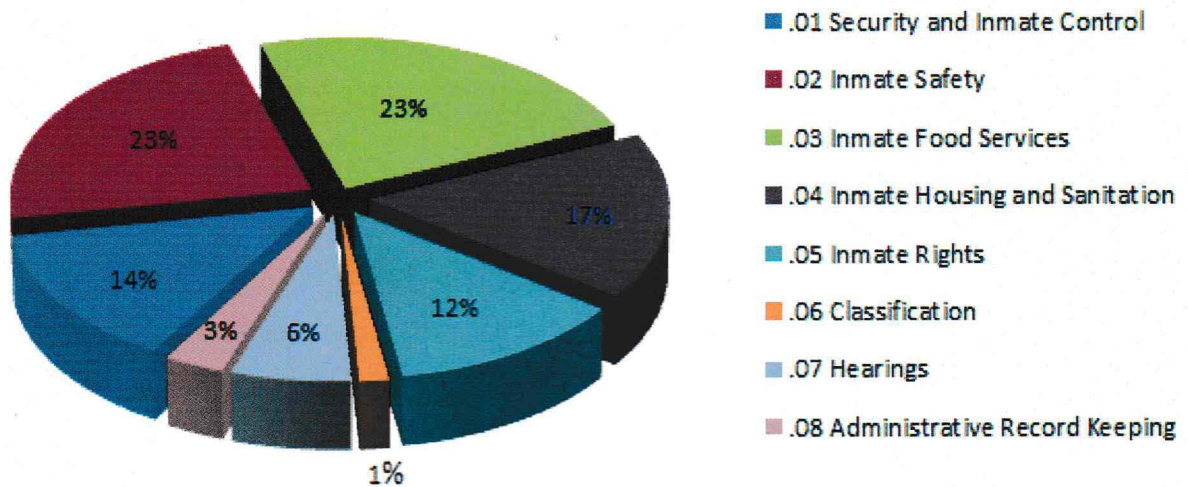
Key: **ACI** – Adult Correctional Institution **ADC** – Adult Detention Center **ACCF** – Adult Community Correctional Facility
 TC – Total Compliance **M/V** – Monitoring Visit Conducted

Audit results show audits performed by denoting facility, date of audit and number of non-compliant standards at the time of the initial audit.

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The Institutional Breakdown Report accounts for the percentage of agencies found in non-compliance with the outlined standards during Fiscal Year 2019.

Institution Non-Compliance Breakdown FY 2019



Institutions Audited during Fiscal Year 2019

Adult Detention Centers

- Wicomico County Detention Center
- Howard County Department of Corrections
- Kent County Detention Center
- Frederick County Detention Center & Annex
- Baltimore County Department of Corrections
- Charles County Detention Center & Annex
- Harford County Detention Center
- Queen Anne's County Detention Center
- Cecil County Detention Center
- Youth Detention Center
- Allegany County Detention Center

Adult Correctional Institutions

- North Branch Correctional Institution
- Eastern Correctional Institution
- Jessup Correctional Institution
- Maryland Correctional Institution for Women
- Brockbridge Correctional Facility

Adult Community Correctional Facilities

- Cecil County Community Correctional Center

The non-compliance breakdown shows the percentage of non-compliances per standard, per cumulative number of audits.