

STRUCTURAL DEGENERATION OF THE IOWA STATE PENITENTIARY

I. CELL HOUSES. In the CCU's dayroom's, tables are not leveled and mounted properly to the floor. The chemical seal used for metallic paint on most of these tables has been floor wax, which is as unhealthy for inmates using these tables. The seats affixed to tables do not have any padding and that of a minimum height of one-half inch for those disabled.

Good surveillance cameras has not been centered properly, which creates visual blind spots. The use of paper signs obstructs a clear identification of the doors or use on door windows obstructs properly visual of surveillance cameras. Doors are not properly identified with the correct warnings, such as hazardous areas, and are not being used for what it is identified with. Posted directives warning inmates that they be subjected to a report are not being properly follows when dealing with these inmates. Maintenance closets found between inmate cells are not properly identified as such use.

The height of telephone jacks mounted above maintenance closets can impair some inmates from using these jacks. There is an electrical hazard from the perfect alignment among the sprinkler nosals, telephone jacks, maintenance closets, and power outlets. Use of power outlets impair inmates from a clear communication by way of the telephone jacks. Maintenance closets having been identified for fire extinguishers are not routinely

inspected for holding these fire extinguishers or that they are operable.

No or little friction strips are found on ledges, stairs, and in bottoms of shower stalls. There are no floor drains found outside upper shower facilities that are found only in lower shower areas. Ineffective or no use of water filters in pod kitchens or in cell sinks resulting in unhealthy risk of lead and mold from inner pipelines. Hot water in shower facilities is an imbalance temperature among all the pods, leaving some pods receiving ice cold water. Bottoms of shower stalls are dented in the metal used which can cause slip and fall issues when stepping inside. Most cell sinks have lime crusted around faucets, from tap water use and ordinary chemical agents are ineffective.

Chemical containers are not properly identified for all chemicals it contains and are being mixed with other chemicals from recycling use. These containers should not need to be recycled for any chemical agent after use, but when recycled, the chemical inside should correspond to the label. Eye washing sinks are not properly equiped for water drainage and no instructions are posted for use.

Dayroom televisions are being used by pod officers to increase volume so as to cover up locked inmates disruptive behavior. If this fails to cease inmates misbehavior, the pod officers would change to channel to what would please locked inmates. The ISP watchers for SSIP inmates are allowed to touch and

control the television remote against the general population's own pod rules. Such rules have stated for these television sets to be turned off at 9:00pm nightly, but SSIP watchers or pod officers have the television at a level to be disruptive to other inmates. In addition, pod officers are using handballs to throw against dayroom walls or objects after 9:00pm and against supervisor's directive not to do so.

Food trays, foods, and trash have been thrown out of locked cells into the dayroom and pod officers continue to practice against policy by leaving food serving doors open prior to or after food delivery to locked inmates. Food trays are not being returned and are left on pods or in elevators for several hours and may be a day period on some occasions. Pod officers are not requiring all inmates handling food trays, dirty laundry, and other services performed for other inmates. There are many pod officers who eat two or more food trays in front of all inmates and at most occasions, it has been eight food trays. Pod carts are being used for both food delivery and clean laundry services, but no requirement has been made to disinfect cart between performed services.

some pods have practice the use of trash cans for dirty laundry without any innerlining or to make use of trash lids to cover the cans. The storage of plastic bags in bottom of trash cans is unsanitary practice because these trash cans have not been routinely disinfected for use. Some inmates who process

clean laundry are found throwing them through the air to other inmates, which makes the clean laundry become unhealthy with air borne diseases and dust. Other inmates have hung clean laundry over upper tier railings, which railings are not disinfected prior to use.

Metal bunks in cells are mounted to the cell walls and do not have adequate support from the floor. These metal bunks have cracks between the walls and bunks are catching unsanitary dirt, hair, food, and insects that are inaccessible for cleaning.

While the prison have newer mattresses available to the pod officers, there is still foam mattresses without covers being used on the pods. Paint spots have been left on the glass of security lights used in cells. Most cell walls and doors have permanent gang-related, racial, religious, or sexual explicit writings. Inmates are not allowed by supervisors to be moved out of cells when they complain of uncomfotability or conflictive moral value from such defacement. Cells and shower stalls are not equipped with emergency call buttons that are in use at other institutions. In double bunk cells, coax splinters are affixed on the outside of power outlets, which is unnecessary safety risk to inmates. Most inmates post women cleavage or sexually explicit photos from altered magazines or materials and found all over cell walls. This is inappropriate behavior because those inmates are found sexually horseplay in common areas and not proper for those in double bunk status because it gives sexual

ideation toward their cellmate.

Pod security lines are worn out, faded, or obstructed from visibility of staff and inmates, security lines being used on one pod differs in color or distance of these lines.

The pod rules state that inmates shall not loiter around the pod officer station, but pod officers allow inmates to hang around the station for several hours.

In emergency situation activating TAS alarm, pod officers do not timely open and close all cell doors. Officers responding to the alarm are barking orders to GP inmates about getting in their cells when there is not accessible route to their cell or that their cell door is not open.

**II. HEALTH SERVICES.** Medical carts used on the pods are not being routinely cleaned before and after use at pill lines. Staff are not using any protective gloves when handling the medications to dispense to the inmates. Small manilla envelopes are used to hold pre-sorted medications for inmates and most have been recycled showing other inmate's names were scratched off. Inmates waiting for health service appointment are having to waive medical treatment and call their appointment when they are needing to use the restroom facilities during the wait. Staff fail to ensure that the triage office furniture is disinfected and sanitary between each inmate patient seen. The eye glasses issued to

inmates do not have any identification of who they belong to. It is disrespectful of psychologists to have independent conversation with the tele-psychiatrist during inmates conversation with the tele-psychiatrist.

III. RECREATION. Atrium bookcases are inaccessible for cleaning behind them or underneath and are often unsanitarily filled with dust and insects among books on the shelves. These bookcases are having to be covered with plastic bag to protect from rain falling from ceiling of the building. Plaster and debris have been in a basketball size falling from the ceilings onto the floor. When positioning weight lifting machines in work out areas, these machines are not always positioned according to manufacturer's warnings that back of machines be butt against the walls. Other heavy equipment found in court yards and pod recreation rooms are not mounted properly to the ground.

IV. DINING HALL. Nutritional Facts are not being provided by the ISP kitchen to consuming inmates. Officers yearly practice that exit door is to remain open during food service and this has let birds and insects enter. Old and used fly papers hang unsanitarily all over the walls and ceilings. ISP inmates only whip the tables and not scrub them, which leaves mildew on the tables. Crusted food particles have collected around bolts of the tables from routine whipping of tables. The seats affixed to these

dining tables not leveled or mounted properly and some seats are missing out of the tables. Dirt and debris have been falling from ceilings onto the tables and food.

V. LOCKED INMATES. shift supervisors, counselors, and psychologists fail to make complete rounds or to have services be made available to all locked inmates. The inmates are not provided a way to know about all posted orders or canteen changes that have been accessible to those in general population. They are not allowed to get filtered water from the pod kitchen rather than from lime-crusting sinks in cells. They are not permitted to use toe or finger nail clippers that have been allowed for general population's statuses.