

# **Interim Report of the Housing and Custody Working Group of the Council's Special Committee to Review JSO Primary Facilities**

***FIVE MEETINGS TO DATE***

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**Built in 1991**

**Maximum capacity 2,189 inmates**

**PTDF currently holds 2,631 inmates**

**Montgomery Correctional Center 469**

**Community Transition Center 89**

# **ISSUES WITH THE CURRENT JAIL**

- overcrowding**
- aging building**
- no room for expansion**
- deteriorating conditions**
- increased maintenance costs**

## **CORRECTIONAL CENTER:**

- **Scope and budget must be balanced before moving forward**
- **Long-term maintenance costs should be considered in the design phase of the process**
- **Plan for as large a facility as possible in first phase**
- **Plan for facility expansion as the need grows**
- **Campus style facility—no more than 2 or 3 levels high**



- Dorms—no more than 12 cells—majority of bunks are to be lower bunks
- Laundry and kitchen areas are incredibly difficult to expand once built—plan for anticipated growth
- An Emergency Release system needs to be incorporated into the new facility
- Video monitoring throughout the facility to include self-harm precaution cells
- Separate male and female facilities for juveniles, violent felony, non-violent felony, misdemeanor and confinement buildings—each housing area should have recreation and multipurpose rooms attached

# **Recommendations for future facilities**

- ✓ **Correctional Center**
- ✓ **Treatment Facilities**
- ✓ **Reduced Recidivism**

- Areas for teletypewriter (TTY) phones for deaf inmates
- Key cards in specific areas to alleviate the need for physical keys and correctional officer's time
- Minimum of 4 network systems to accommodate services

**The specific needs of each inmate classification group should be specified, understood, and considered during the planning and design process. When planning dorms for a new facility, work release classification inmates need to be separated from the general population areas.**

## **TREATMENT FACILITIES:**

### **▪ Infirmaries—male and female**

- ✓ **Negative air flow**
- ✓ **Close observation cells**
- ✓ **ADA Compliance**
- ✓ **Prison Rape Elimination Act**
- ✓ **Handrails and ramps**
- ✓ **Wheelchair maneuverability**
- ✓ **Wider doors and corridors**
- ✓ **Adjusted heights—countertops/medical fixtures**



## Basic and Emergency Health Care Needs

- ✓ Secure Storage for medical supplies and prescriptions
- ✓ Disposal facilities, closets, utility sinks—avoid potential health hazards
- ✓ Satellite clinics with dedicated and secure medical records and office room areas
- ✓ Sunlight, lighting and ventilation—positive to mental health
- ✓ Accessibility and visibility to nursing station
- ✓ Single occupancy—infectious disease and long-term care

## **MENTAL HEALTH FACILITIES:**

- **40% of inmates**
- **Separate facilities for male and female**
- **Clear and simple signage and wayfinding**
- **Access to nature—walk/sit—very therapeutic**

# **REDUCE RECIDIVISM:**

- **Education**
- **Vocational Training**
- **Resources upon release—bus routes or other transportation services**



The end...thank you  
for your attention.