

Correctional Institution Inspection Committee

Franklin Medical Center Inspection Brief

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Institution Profile

- Columbus, Ohio
- Primary mission is to provide care to inmates with intensive medical needs, including hospice care and labor/delivery
- Consolidation of Corrections Medical Center and the Franklin Pre-Release Center
- Both male and female
- All security classifications, including Death Row
- Population: 555 (as of 5/31/12)
 - Capacity: 690 (current pop at 80.4%)
 - 62.3% White, 37.5% Black
- Number of Employees: 551 (20 vacancies)

Key Statistics

- **Use of Force:** In 2011, there were 31 reported uses of force on Zone A (the former CMC), an increase of 48 percent in comparison to 2009. Zone B (former FPRC) reported 19 use of force incidents in 2011. Chemical agents (mace) have not been used in the previous three years at the facility.
- **Assaults:** In 2011, the facility reported three inmate-on-inmate assaults, an increase from the zero reported inmate-on-inmate assaults in 2009. The facility also reported three inmate-on-staff assaults in 2011, an increase in comparison to the one reported inmate-on-staff assault in 2009.
- **Suicide Attempts:** In 2011, the DRC reported 57 attempted suicides, none of which occurred at FMC. This is a decrease in comparison to 2009, in which there was one reported attempt.

CIIC Contacts

In 2011, CIIC received 25 contacts from or regarding inmates at FMC. Unsurprisingly, the most reported area of concern pertained to Medical Services, followed by the Inmate Grievance Procedure, and Supervision (alleged unprofessional conduct, etc.).

Key Findings

- Overall, the inspection was positive.
- The institution has experienced several major changes within the past year, including a large turnover in executive staff, the consolidation of the two neighboring facilities, and the transition of the former FPRC from housing females to housing males.
- Inmates relayed a number of concerns regarding quality of care, particularly in regard to communication from, with, and between medical staff, and reported delays in treatment. However, executive staff indicated that they were aware of the concerns and demonstrated that they were actively addressing them.
- Many inmates reported inadequate inventory in the Commissary; facility staff relayed that they were in the process of expanding the Commissary.
- CIIC found that the library space and lack of inmate access were in need of improvement; staff indicated that they would be adding computers late this year.
- Inmates in both zones reported that they did not receive responses to kites and informal complaints; FMC reported that approximately 20 percent of informal complaints received an untimely response.
- CIIC found that there were a handful of security concerns that needed to be addressed on Zone A, including shakedowns, rounds, and chemical control.
- The facility reported a very high number of overtime hours, predominantly due to the need to staff satellite medical sites and to transport inmates.
- The most recent fiscal audit raised issues that need to be addressed.