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Hill Correctional Center: Inmate Survey Results from JHA's Monitoring Visit Conducted August 30th 2017

Hill Correctional Center is a medium-security prison that housed 1,744 adult male inmates on the day of JHA's monitoring visit. JHA collected 924 surveys from inmates (53% of the population) during our monitoring visit of this prison. Inmate responses to survey questions are reported below.

Responses to Inmate Demographic Questions:

Race		
Black	514	56%
White	195	21%
Hispanic	113	12%
Other	66	7%
No response	36	4%
Total	924	100%

Age		
Under 26	103	11%
26-35	274	30%
36-45	254	28%
46-55	182	20%
Over 55	90	10%
No response	21	2%
Total	924	100%

How long have you been in this prison?		
Less than 6 months	120	13%
6 months or more	779	84%
No response	25	3%
Total	924	100%

Primary assignment		
Work	190	21%
School	173	19%
Unassigned	493	53%
Other	23	3%
No response	45	5%
Total	924	100%

Responses to Inmate Survey Questions:

Q1: I feel safe		
Strongly Agree	65	7%
Agree	227	25%
Neutral	298	32%
Disagree	168	18%
Strongly Disagree	148	16%
No Response	18	2%
Total	924	100%

Q2: Staff treat inmates with respect		
Strongly Agree	6	1%
Agree	60	7%
Neutral	163	18%
Disagree	261	28%
Strongly Disagree	419	45%
No Response	15	2%
Total	924	100%

Q3: Inmates treat inmates with respect		
Strongly Agree	28	3%
Agree	138	15%
Neutral	421	46%
Disagree	188	20%
Strongly Disagree	141	15%
No Response	8	1%
Total	924	100%

Q4: I know the rules or where to find them		
Strongly Agree	139	15%
Agree	378	41%
Neutral	163	18%
Disagree	140	15%
Strongly Disagree	82	9%
No Response	22	2%
Total	924	100%

Q5: Staff follow rules		
Strongly Agree	7	1%
Agree	49	5%
Neutral	172	19%
Disagree	267	29%
Strongly Disagree	423	46%
No Response	6	1%
Total	924	100%

Q6: My Correctional Counselor is effective		
Strongly Agree	65	7%
Agree	132	14%
Neutral	166	18%
Disagree	172	19%
Strongly Disagree	381	41%
No Response	8	1%
Total	924	100%

Q7: I am satisfied with medical services		
Strongly Agree	15	2%
Agree	61	7%
Neutral	132	14%
Disagree	197	21%
Strongly Disagree	510	55%
No Response	9	1%
Total	924	100%

Q8: I avoid health care to avoid \$5 co-pay		
Strongly Agree	449	49%
Agree	181	20%
Neutral	92	10%
Disagree	75	8%
Strongly Disagree	118	13%
No Response	9	1%
Total	924	100%

Q9: The disciplinary process is fair		
Strongly Agree	13	1%
Agree	40	4%
Neutral	169	18%
Disagree	200	22%
Strongly Disagree	489	53%
No Response	13	1%
Total	924	100%

Q10: This facility is safe for inmates		
Strongly Agree	27	3%
Agree	179	19%
Neutral	333	36%
Disagree	182	20%
Strongly Disagree	191	21%
No Response	12	1%
Total	924	100%

Q11: There is at least one staff member who I could ask for help		
Strongly Agree	119	13%
Agree	279	30%
Neutral	199	22%
Disagree	131	14%
Strongly Disagree	187	20%
No Response	9	1%
Total	924	100%

Q12: The grievance process is effective		
Strongly Agree	6	1%
Agree	27	3%
Neutral	138	15%
Disagree	166	18%
Strongly Disagree	578	63%
No Response	9	1%
Total	924	100%

Q13: I would feel comfortable filing a grievance		
Strongly Agree	37	4%
Agree	97	11%
Neutral	174	19%
Disagree	226	25%
Strongly Disagree	385	42%
No Response	5	1%
Total	924	100%

Q14: Contraband from outside facility often gets inside		
Strongly Agree	33	4%
Agree	54	6%
Neutral	175	19%
Disagree	251	27%
Strongly Disagree	372	40%
No Response	39	4%
Total	924	100%

Q15: There is frequent gang activity here		
Strongly Agree	107	12%
Agree	124	13%
Neutral	271	29%
Disagree	206	22%
Strongly Disagree	178	19%
No Response	38	4%
Total	924	100%

Q16: Mail is timely		
Strongly Agree	22	2%
Agree	110	12%
Neutral	162	18%
Disagree	227	25%
Strongly Disagree	392	42%
No Response	11	1%
Total	924	100%

Q17: Adequate cleaning supplies are provided		
Strongly Agree	9	1%
Agree	36	4%
Neutral	59	6%
Disagree	201	22%
Strongly Disagree	610	66%
No Response	9	1%
Total	924	100%

Q18: Temperature is comfortable		
Strongly Agree	10	1%
Agree	135	15%
Neutral	245	27%
Disagree	200	22%
Strongly Disagree	322	35%
No Response	12	1%
Total	924	100%

Q19: Posted schedules are accurate		
Strongly Agree	67	7%
Agree	261	28%
Neutral	213	23%
Disagree	176	19%
Strongly Disagree	194	21%
No Response	13	1%
Total	924	100%

Q20: Ventilation is adequate		
Strongly Agree	17	2%
Agree	127	14%
Neutral	186	20%
Disagree	204	22%
Strongly Disagree	372	40%
No Response	18	2%
Total	924	100%

Q21: When something is broken it is fixed in a timely manner		
Strongly Agree	21	2%
Agree	141	15%
Neutral	173	19%
Disagree	235	25%
Strongly Disagree	347	38%
No Response	7	1%
Total	924	100%

Q22: I am satisfied with food from dietary		
Strongly Agree	4	0%
Agree	13	1%
Neutral	52	6%
Disagree	155	17%
Strongly Disagree	695	75%
No Response	5	1%
Total	924	100%

Q23: Clothing provided by state is adequate		
Strongly Agree	8	1%
Agree	54	6%
Neutral	134	15%
Disagree	230	25%
Strongly Disagree	487	53%
No Response	11	1%
Total	924	100%

Q24: I have adequate access to showers		
Strongly Agree	212	23%
Agree	342	37%
Neutral	143	16%
Disagree	105	11%
Strongly Disagree	112	12%
No Response	10	1%
Total	924	100%

Q25: Enough state hygiene items are provided		
Strongly Agree	5	1%
Agree	18	2%
Neutral	53	6%
Disagree	156	17%
Strongly Disagree	680	74%
No Response	12	1%
Total	924	100%

Q26: There is enough rec		
Strongly Agree	113	12%
Agree	276	30%
Neutral	187	20%
Disagree	140	15%
Strongly Disagree	197	21%
No Response	11	1%
Total	924	100%

Q27: I have adequate access to law library		
Strongly Agree	25	3%
Agree	123	13%
Neutral	221	24%
Disagree	188	20%
Strongly Disagree	353	38%
No Response	14	2%
Total	924	100%

Q28: I have enough access to phones		
Strongly Agree	30	3%
Agree	106	12%
Neutral	126	14%
Disagree	202	22%
Strongly Disagree	450	49%
No Response	10	1%
Total	924	100%

Q29: Helpful reentry info is provided by staff		
Strongly Agree	16	2%
Agree	82	9%
Neutral	266	29%
Disagree	192	21%
Strongly Disagree	341	37%
No Response	27	3%
Total	924	100%

Q30: Rehabilitative & Education programming is adequate		
Strongly Agree	27	3%
Agree	110	12%
Neutral	224	24%
Disagree	178	19%
Strongly Disagree	369	40%
No Response	16	2%
Total	924	100%

*Not all percentages reported for individual survey items add up to 100% due to percentages being rounded to whole number.