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The Honorable Derrick D. Schofield, Commissioner, Department of Correction
The Honorable Karl Dean, Metropolitan Nashville - Davidson County Mayor
The Honorable Daron Hall, Metropolitan Nashville - Davidson County Sheriff

To the Commissioner, County Mayor, and Sheriff:

Our office recently completed a review of the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County (Metro Nashville) Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) Facility's participation in the County Correctional Incentive Program for the year ended June 30, 2009.

The finding and recommendation and the summary of adjustments to costs and inmate days, as a result of our review, are presented in detail in the enclosed report. The following is a summary of the results of our review:

1. The total inmate population was not accurately reported to the state.
2. We discovered that 2,396 inmate days were overreported and 25 felon days were underreported. The effect of these adjustments to the Final Cost Settlement Report was to increase the Metro Nashville CCA Facility's average daily cost from \$43.49 to \$43.75 per inmate day. The Tennessee Department of Correction has agreed to pay some felon days at the Metro Nashville CCA Facility's rate and pay the remaining days at the Metro Nashville Jail Facility's maximum reimbursement rate of \$35 per inmate day. These errors resulted in a total underpayment of \$94,854 to Metro Nashville. Since the underpayment was made after the final cost settlement, an adjustment should be made in subsequent monthly payments.

Metropolitan Government of Nashville and
Davidson County, Tennessee
County Correctional Incentive Program
Metro Nashville CCA Facility

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding our review of the Metro Nashville CCA Facility's participation in the County Correctional Incentive Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Arnette". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James R. Arnette
Director

Enclosure

cc: Judith Lambert, Judicial Cost Accountant

**METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND
METRO NASHVILLE CCA FACILITY
REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE
COUNTY CORRECTIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

This report reviews the Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County (Metro Nashville) CCA Facility's participation in the County Correctional Incentive Program for the year ended June 30, 2009.

As a result of our review, we discovered that 2,396 inmate days were overreported and 25 felon days were underreported. The effect of these adjustments to the Final Cost Settlement Report was to increase the Metro Nashville CCA Facility's average daily cost from \$43.49 to \$43.75 per inmate day. The Tennessee Department of Correction has agreed to pay some felon days at the Metro Nashville CCA Facility's rate and pay the remaining days at the Metro Nashville Jail Facility's maximum reimbursement rate of \$35 per inmate day. These errors resulted in a total underpayment of \$94,854 to Metro Nashville. Since the underpayment was made after the final cost settlement, an adjustment should be made in subsequent monthly payments.

The objectives of the review were:

1. to determine if prisoners were properly listed on the State Prisoner (Convicted Felon) Reports,
2. to determine if inmates were accurately reported on the Correction Facility Summary Reports, and
3. to recommend appropriate actions to correct any deficiencies.

SCOPE OF THE REVIEW

In performing our review, we evaluated procedures related to the counting and reporting of the total inmate population as reported on the Correction Facility Summary Reports and the Final Cost Settlement Report. We also performed testwork on selected days to determine that the number of prisoners reported on the cost reports agreed with counts of prisoners actually incarcerated at the facility.

In addition, we tested the proper classification of convicted felons listed on the State Prisoner Reports to ensure accurate reporting to the state. Testwork included tracing information from the reports to the actual case files to verify the listed offenses, trial dates, and incarceration periods.

FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION

The finding and recommendation, as a result of our review, is presented below. We reviewed this finding and recommendation with management to provide an opportunity for their response. The Davidson County Sheriff's Office Finance Manager provided a written response, which is paraphrased in this report.

FINDING 1 **THE TOTAL INMATE POPULATION WAS NOT ACCURATELY DETERMINED**

Metro Nashville did not accurately count and assess the total inmate population as reported to the state on the Correction Facility Summary Report (CFSR) and the Final Cost Settlement Report. We discovered 2,396 inmate days were overreported and 25 felon days were underreported. The total inmate population plays a critical role in determining the county's total cost per inmate day.

RECOMMENDATION

Management should ensure that the total inmate population and felon days are reported accurately on the monthly CFSRs and the Final Cost Settlement Report submitted to the Tennessee Department of Correction.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE – FINANCE MANAGER

We concur with the finding. We feel that there are some discrepancies in the way the Metro Nashville CCA Facility reports inmate days and the way the Metro Nashville Jail Facility reports inmate days. We are in the process of working to resolve such discrepancies.

**METROPOLITAN GOVERNMENT OF NASHVILLE AND
METRO NASHVILLE CCA FACILITY
SUMMARY OF ADJUSTMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2009**

The following is a summary of adjustments made to the inmate days as settled in the field review by the Tennessee Department of Correction. The adjustments, as a result of our review, are discussed in detail in the Finding and Recommendation section.

	Inmate Days	Felon Days
As Settled in the 2009 Field Review	401,217	396,247
Overreported Inmate Days	(2,396)	
Underreported Felon Days		25
Total Adjusted Days	398,821	396,272

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