

Great Game Huddle Notes
May 17, 2016

Angie Crews welcomed huddle participants. She introduced Vickie Beffa and Kasie Atchison with the Jail Medical department to provide exciting news and information regarding recent accreditation received by their department on February 17th.

Vickie began with some general information about the Medical department. The Jail Medical department reported 23,379 medical encounters last year which approximates to 80-90 cases per day. They respond to approximately 350 sick calls with 224 chronic care clinic patients each month. During 2015, there were 1,000 in house emergencies with 115 reported for April, 2016 alone.

The department has a 16 person medical staff led by Dr. James Wilkins. The staff is composed of 5 RN's, 7 LPN's, 3 medical aides and 1 unit secretary. During day shifts, the department is staffed by 1 LPN and 1 medical aide and the night shift has 2 LPN's on duty.

Ms. Beffa said she joined the Jail Medical department following retirement from her previous employment in 2006. Shortly thereafter she was charged with the task of leading an effort of receiving accreditation for the department. This process was quite detailed and involving several steps from setup, classification, hiring requirements, training, and medical/physical exams to name but a few. The resulting grant of accreditation places the Jail Medical department in rarified air as one of only 25 jails or prisons, and the only Sheriff operated jail in the State of Missouri, to receive such a designation.

Ms. Atchison discussed additional aspects needed to receive and maintain accreditation such as an emergency response plan for man down drills and natural disasters, a special treatment plan and the cooperative between the Medical department and Jordan Valley Community Health to provide oral and prenatal care.

Following the two presentations, Vickie and Kasie fielded questions from huddle participants.