Jail Management Practices Towards a Framework of Standard Services of BJMP

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Abstract

The Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) is mandated to ensure the safekeeping, security, and welfare and development of Persons Deprived of Liberty (PDL). The complexity of jail administration necessitates standardized services for humane treatment, effective management, and rehabilitation. This study examined the jail management practices of BJMP-National Capital Region (NCR), toward a framework of standard services. The study aimed to assess the extent of implementation of jail management practices, determine differences in respondent assessments, and propose practices toward standard services. It focused on Standard Welfare and Development, Standard Administration, and Standard Operations. A descriptive quantitative research design was employed. Data were gathered through a survey from 355 respondents comprising 31 BJMP personnel, 317 PDL, and 7 service providers, selected through simple random sampling. A five-point Likert scale was used, and frequency, percentage, weighted mean, and paired t-test were applied through SPSS. Findings showed that jail management practices were generally assessed as, As Expected/As Implemented to a High Extent. Data Security and Control obtained the highest weighted mean of 4.45, while Releasing Procedures obtained the lowest at 3.69, although within the high-extent category. Significant differences were observed in some assessments, while none were found in Personnel Mobilization and Admission Procedure. Issues included inadequate learning facilities, learner absenteeism, instructional concerns, limited strategic planning, and incomplete implementation of after-care services. The study concluded that existing practices were generally implemented to a high extent but require stronger institutionalization. A Framework for Standard Services in the BJMP was proposed, emphasizing welfare programs, personnel utilization, data protection, risk classification, operational procedures, external partnerships, resource optimization, and after-care services for PDL.

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