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Re: Renovations to Existing Juvenile Center  
EABPRJB3807053

### Plan Review- Completed

Dear Mr. Guerra:

Enclosed are the results of the plan review completed on the referenced facility. Identified on the report are areas of noncompliance with accessibility standards adopted by the Texas Dept. of Licensing and Regulations for purposes of ensuring compliance with Texas Governmental Code, Chapter 469.

Although deficiencies may have been noted, the referenced project may be eligible for inspection approval if constructed in accordance with the 2012 Texas Accessibility Standards. Items which are the responsibility of the owner should be referred to the appropriate person for action.

The Plan Review Report is for general compliance with the information contained within the Texas Accessibility Standards and is not intended to provide a comprehensive or detailed analysis of the proposed construction. The provider of this plan review does not accept responsibility for any subsequent changes or conditions placed upon this project by any other regulatory authority having jurisdiction. Corrections request or comments made during this review do not relieve the Owner from strict adherence to the requirements of TDLR.

**The building or facility owner must request an inspection from the Department, (or a Department authorized provider of inspection services) no later than thirty (30) days after the completion of construction.** If the completion date provided on the Project Registration form is no longer correct, notify this office (in writing) of the revised completion date as soon as possible.

This determination does not address the applicability of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), (PL 101-336), or any other state, local, or federal requirements. For information on the ADA, call the ADA hotline (800)949-4232 or the United States Department of Justice at (202) 514-0301.

The Texas Accessibility Standards are available online at [www.license.state.tx.us](http://www.license.state.tx.us). Please reference the EABPRJ number in all future correspondence pertaining to this project.

Sincerely,

*Anthony Covacevich*

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RAS 97

Attachment: Plan Review Report  
c: Oscar Garza and S.L. Teague (S&B Infra.) via email

**PLAN REVIEW REPORT**

The following report identifies violations with the 2012 Texas Accessibility Standards (TAS). The 2012 TAS became effective on March 15, 2012. All items noted as a "Unacceptable" must be corrected to comply with the Architectural Barriers Act, Texas Government Code, Chapter 469, as amended. Items marked as "Note" require attention to compliance for an item that is not clearly detailed or addressed. A copy of the 2012 TAS can be found at the TDLR website at [www.license.state.tx.us](http://www.license.state.tx.us).

**RAS Name:** Anthony Covacevich  
**Date:** January 21, 2013

**RAS #:** 97  
**EABPRJ#** B3807053

**PROJECT INFORMATION**

**Project Name:** Renovation to Existing Juvenile Center  
**Facility Name:** Hidalgo Co Autopsy Center  
**Project Address:** 3100 S. Closner, Tx 78539  
**Detail Description of Construction activities:** Renovate juvenile detention center to a autopsy facility as necessary.

**OWNER INFORMATION**

**Name:** Hidalgo County  
**Address:** PO Box 1356  
**City:** Edinburg **State:** Tx **Zip:** 78539

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**206. Accessible Routes**

**206.1 General.** Accessible routes shall be provided in accordance with 206 and shall comply with Chapter 4.

**206.2 Where Required.** Accessible routes shall be provided where required by 206.2.

**206.2.1 Site Arrival Points.** At least one accessible route shall be provided within the site from accessible parking spaces and accessible passenger loading zones; public streets and sidewalks; and public transportation stops to the accessible building or facility entrance they serve.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

1. Where exceptions for alterations to qualified historic buildings or facilities are permitted by 202.5, no more than one accessible route from a site arrival point to an accessible entrance shall be required.

2. An accessible route shall not be required between site arrival points and the building or facility entrance if the only means of access between them is a vehicular way not providing pedestrian access.

**Advisory 206.2.1 Site Arrival Points.** Each site arrival point must be connected by an accessible route to the accessible building entrance or entrances served. Where two or more similar site arrival points, such as bus stops, serve the same accessible entrance or entrances, both bus stops must be on accessible routes. In addition, the accessible routes must serve all of the accessible entrances on the site.

**Advisory 206.2.1 Site Arrival Points Exception 2.** Access from site arrival points may include vehicular ways. Where a vehicular way, or a portion of a vehicular way, is provided for pedestrian travel, such as within a shopping center or shopping mall parking lot, this exception does not apply.

**206.2.2 Within a Site.** At least one accessible route shall connect accessible buildings, accessible facilities, accessible elements, and accessible spaces that are on the same site.

**EXCEPTION:** An accessible route shall not be required between accessible buildings, accessible facilities, accessible elements, and accessible spaces if the only means of access between them is a vehicular way not providing pedestrian access.

**Advisory 206.2.2 Within a Site.** *An accessible route is required to connect to the boundary of each area of sport activity. Examples of areas of sport activity include: soccer fields, basketball courts, baseball fields, running tracks, skating rinks, and the area surrounding a piece of gymnastic equipment. While the size of an area of sport activity may vary from sport to sport, each includes only the space needed to play. Where multiple sports fields or courts are provided, an accessible route is required to each field or area of sport activity.*

**206.2.3 Multi-Story Buildings and Facilities.** At least one accessible route shall connect each story and mezzanine in multi-story buildings and facilities.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

1. In private buildings or facilities that are less than three stories or that have less than 3000 square feet (279 m<sup>2</sup>) per story, an accessible route shall not be required to connect stories provided that the building or facility is not a shopping center, a shopping mall, the professional office of a health care provider, a terminal, depot or other station used for specified public transportation, an airport passenger terminal, or another type of facility as determined by the U. S. Attorney General. *In transportation facilities, any area housing passenger services, including boarding and debarking, loading and unloading, baggage claim, dining facilities, and other common areas open to the public must be on an accessible route from an accessible entrance.*

2. Where a two story public building or facility has one story with an occupant load of five or fewer persons that does not contain public use space, that story shall not be required to be connected to the story above or below.

**206.2.8 Employee Work Areas.** Common use circulation paths within employee work areas shall comply with 402.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

1. Common use circulation paths located within employee work areas that are less than 1000 square feet (93 m<sup>2</sup>) and defined by permanently installed partitions, counters, casework, or furnishings shall not be required to comply with 402.

2. Common use circulation paths located within employee work areas that are an integral component of work area equipment shall not be required to comply with 402.

3. Common use circulation paths located within exterior employee work areas that are fully exposed to the weather shall not be required to comply with 402.

**Advisory 206.2.8 Employee Work Areas Exception 1.** *Modular furniture that is not permanently installed is not directly subject to these requirements. The U. S. Department of Justice ADA regulations provide additional guidance regarding the relationship between these requirements and elements that are not part of the built environment. Additionally, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) implements Title I of the ADA which requires non-discrimination in the workplace. EEOC can provide guidance regarding employer's obligations to provide accommodations for employees with disabilities.*

**Advisory 206.2.8 Employee Work Areas Exception 2.** *Large pieces of equipment, such as electric turbines or water pumping apparatus, may have stairs and elevated walkways used for overseeing or monitoring purposes which are physically part of the turbine or pump. However, passenger elevators used for vertical transportation between stories are not considered "work area equipment" as defined in Section 106.5.*

**Note:** No details on accessible routes to and from the facility. The accessible routes from accessible parking spaces must comply with all provisions of Section 206. The curb ramp, if any, from the parking lot to front entrance must comply with Section 406. Assure that employee work areas meet the requirements of 206.2.8. All accessible routes must not present changes in levels in violation of 303. Doors, doorways, and gates that are part of an accessible route shall comply with Section 404 Doors especially with 404.2.10 Door Surfaces which requires the bottom 10 inches of the accessible doors shall be a smooth surface. Door handles are not shown. If a sidewalk or bus stop is located at the adjoining street(s), access to the site is required.

**207. Means of Egress**

**207.1 General.** Means of egress shall comply with section 1003.2.13 of the International Building Code (2000 edition and 2001 Supplement) or section 1007 of the International Building Code (2003

edition) (incorporated by reference, see "Referenced Standards" in Chapter 1).

**EXCEPTIONS:**

1. Where means of egress are permitted by local building or life safety codes to share a common path of egress travel, accessible means of egress shall be permitted to share a common path of egress travel.

2. Areas of refuge shall not be required in detention and correctional facilities.

**Note:** Emergency exits must meet the requirements of section 1003.2.13 of the International Building Code (2000 edition and 2001 Supplement) or section 1007 of the International Building Code (2003 edition) (incorporated by reference, see "Referenced Standards" in Chapter 1). All emergency exits must comply with all sections of 207. All referenced standards are not the purview of this report.

**208. Parking**

**208.1 General.** Where parking spaces are provided, parking spaces shall be provided in accordance with 208.

**EXCEPTION:** Parking spaces used exclusively for buses, trucks, other delivery vehicles, law enforcement vehicles, or vehicular impound shall not be required to comply with 208 provided that lots accessed by the public are provided with a passenger loading zone complying with 503.

**208.2 Minimum Number.** Parking spaces complying with 502 shall be provided in accordance with Table 208.2 except as required by 208.2.1, 208.2.2, and 208.2.3. Where more than one parking facility is provided on a site, the number of accessible spaces provided on the site shall be calculated according to the number of spaces required for each parking facility.

**Table 208.2 Parking Spaces**

Total Number of Parking Spaces Provided in Parking Facility	Minimum Number of Required Accessible Parking Spaces
1 to 25	1
26 to 50	2
51 to 75	3
76 to 100	4
101 to 150	5
151 to 200	6
201 to 300	7
301 to 400	8
401 to 500	9
501 to 1000	2 percent of total
1001 and over	20, plus 1 for each 100, or fraction thereof, over 1000

**Unacceptable:** No parking is detailed in the plans. Please assure parking is provided as per 208.

**213 Toilet Facilities**

**213.1 General.** Where toilet facilities and bathing facilities are provided, they shall comply with 213. Where toilet facilities and bathing facilities are provided in facilities permitted by 206.2.3 Exceptions 1 and 2 not to connect stories by an accessible route, toilet facilities and bathing facilities shall be provided on a story connected by an accessible route to an accessible entrance.

**213.2 Toilet Rooms and Bathing Rooms.** Where toilet rooms are provided, each toilet room shall comply with 603. Where bathing rooms are provided, each bathing room shall comply with 603.

**EXCEPTIONS:**

1. In alterations where it is technically infeasible to comply with 603, altering existing toilet or bathing rooms shall not be required where a single unisex toilet room or bathing room complying with 213.2.1 is provided and located in the same area and on the same floor as existing inaccessible toilet or bathing rooms.

2. Where exceptions for alterations to qualified historic buildings or facilities are permitted by 202.5, no fewer than one toilet room for each sex complying with 603 or one unisex toilet room complying with 213.2.1 shall be provided.

3. Where multiple single user portable toilet or bathing units are clustered at a single location, no more than 5 percent of the toilet units and bathing units at each cluster shall be required to comply with 603. Portable toilet units and bathing units complying with 603 shall be identified by the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with 703.7.2.1.

**Unacceptable:** Restrooms 114 and 115 do not meet the requirements specified in Section 213. Both should be accessible restrooms.

## **215. Fire Alarms System**

**215.1 General.** Where fire alarm systems provide audible alarm coverage, alarms shall comply with 215.

**EXCEPTION:** In existing facilities, visible alarms shall not be required except where an existing fire alarm system is upgraded or replaced, or a new fire alarm system is installed.

**Advisory 215.1 General.** *Unlike audible alarms, visible alarms must be located within the space they serve so that the signal is visible. Facility alarm systems (other than fire alarm systems) such as those used for tornado warnings and other emergencies are not required to comply with the technical criteria for alarms in Section 702. Every effort should be made to ensure that such alarms can be differentiated in their signal from fire alarms systems and that people who need to be notified of emergencies are adequately safeguarded. Consult local fire departments and prepare evacuation plans taking into consideration the needs of every building occupant, including people with disabilities.*

**215.2 Public and Common Use Areas.** Alarms in public use areas and common use areas shall comply with 702.

**215.3 Employee Work Areas.** Where employee work areas have audible alarm coverage, the wiring system shall be designed so that visible alarms complying with 702 can be integrated into the alarm system.

**Note:** If a fire alarm system is installed, it must comply with all provisions of 215. Referenced standards are not the purview of this report.

## **216. Signs**

**216.1 General.** Signs shall be provided in accordance with 216 and shall comply with 703.

### **EXCEPTIONS:**

1. Building directories, menus, seat and row designations in assembly areas, occupant names, building addresses, and company names and logos shall not be required to comply with 216.
2. In parking facilities, signs shall not be required to comply with 216.2, 216.3, and 216.6 through 216.12.
3. Temporary, 7 days or less, signs shall not be required to comply with 216.
4. In detention and correctional facilities, signs not located in public use areas shall not be required to comply with 216.

**216.2 Designations.** Interior and exterior signs identifying permanent rooms and spaces shall comply with 703.1, 703.2, and 703.5. Where pictograms are provided as designations of permanent interior rooms and spaces, the pictograms shall comply with 703.6 and shall have text descriptors complying with 703.2 and 703.5.

**EXCEPTION:** Exterior signs that are not located at the door to the space they serve shall not be required to comply with 703.2.

**Advisory 216.2 Designations.** *Section 216.2 applies to signs that provide designations, labels, or names for interior rooms or spaces where the sign is not likely to change over time. Examples include interior signs labeling restrooms, room and floor numbers or letters, and room names. Tactile text descriptors are required for pictograms that are provided to label or identify a permanent room or space. Pictograms that provide information about a room or space, such as "no smoking," occupant logos, and the International Symbol of Accessibility, are not required to have text descriptors.*

**216.3 Directional and Informational Signs.** Signs that provide direction to or information about interior spaces and facilities of the site shall comply with 703.5.

**Advisory 216.3 Directional and Informational Signs.** *Information about interior spaces and facilities includes rules of conduct, occupant load, and similar signs. Signs providing direction to rooms or spaces include those that identify egress routes.*

**216.4 Means of Egress.** Signs for means of egress shall comply with 216.4.

**216.4.1 Exit Doors.** Doors at exit passageways, exit discharge, and exit stairways shall be identified by tactile signs complying with 703.1, 703.2, and 703.5.

**Advisory 216.4.1 Exit Doors.** *An exit passageway is a horizontal exit component that is separated from the interior spaces of the building by fire-resistance-rated construction and that leads to the existing*

discharge or public way. The exit discharge is that portion of an egress system between the termination of an exit and a public way.

**216.4.2 Areas of Refuge.** Signs required by section 1003.2.13.5.4 of the International Building Code (2000 edition) or section 1007.6.4 of the International Building Code (2003 edition) (incorporated by reference, see "Referenced Standards" in Chapter 1) to provide instructions in areas of refuge shall comply with 703.5.

**216.4.3 Directional Signs.** Signs required by section 1003.2.13.6 of the International Building Code (2000 edition) or section 1007.7 of the International Building Code (2003 edition) (incorporated by reference, see "Referenced Standards" in Chapter 1) to provide directions to accessible means of egress shall comply with 703.5.

**216.5 Parking.** Parking spaces complying with 502 shall be identified by signs complying with 502.6.  
**EXCEPTIONS:**

1. Where a total of four or fewer parking spaces, including accessible parking spaces, are provided on a site, identification of accessible parking spaces shall not be required.

2. In residential facilities, where parking spaces are assigned to specific residential dwelling units, identification of accessible parking spaces shall not be required.

**216.6 Entrances.** Where not all entrances comply with 404, entrances complying with 404 shall be identified by the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with 703.7.2.1. Directional signs complying with 703.5 that indicate the location of the nearest entrance complying with 404 shall be provided at entrances that do not comply with 404.

**Advisory 216.6 Entrances.** Where a directional sign is required, it should be located to minimize back tracking. In some cases, this could mean locating a sign at the beginning of a route, not just at the inaccessible entrances to a building.

**216.7 Elevators.** Where existing elevators do not comply with 407, elevators complying with 407 shall be clearly identified with the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with 703.7.2.1.

**216.8 Toilet Rooms and Bathing Rooms.** Where existing toilet rooms or bathing rooms do not comply with 603, directional signs indicating the location of the nearest toilet room or bathing room complying with 603 within the facility shall be provided. Signs shall comply with 703.5 and shall include the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with 703.7.2.1. Where existing toilet rooms or bathing rooms do not comply with 603, the toilet rooms or bathing rooms complying with 603 shall be identified by the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with 703.7.2.1. Where clustered single user toilet rooms or bathing facilities are permitted to use exceptions to 213.2, toilet rooms or bathing facilities complying with 603 shall be identified by the International Symbol of Accessibility complying with 703.7.2.1 unless all toilet rooms and bathing facilities comply with 603.

**216.9 TTYs.** Identification and directional signs for public TTYs shall be provided in accordance with 216.9.

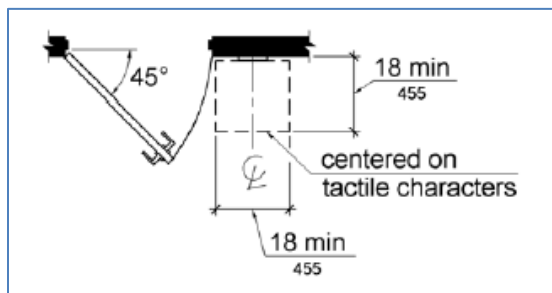
**216.9.1 Identification Signs.** Public TTYs shall be identified by the International Symbol of TTY complying with 703.7.2.2.

**216.9.2 Directional Signs.** Directional signs indicating the location of the nearest public TTY shall be provided at all banks of public pay telephones not containing a public TTY. In addition, where signs provide direction to public pay telephones, they shall also provide direction to public TTYs. Directional signs shall comply with 703.5 and shall include the International Symbol of TTY complying with 703.7.2.2.

**216.10 Assistive Listening Systems.** Each assembly area required by 219 to provide assistive

listening systems shall provide signs informing patrons of the availability of the assistive listening system. Assistive listening signs shall comply with 703.5 and shall include the International Symbol of Access for Hearing Loss complying with 703.7.2.4.  
**EXCEPTION:** Where ticket offices or windows are provided, signs shall not be required at each assembly area provided that signs are displayed at each ticket office or window informing patrons of the availability of assistive listening systems.

**Note:** If signage is provided, it must comply with all



provisions of 216 in particular with 703.4.2 which requires a clear floor space in front of the sign for doors.

## **225. Storage**

**225.1 General.** Storage facilities shall comply with 225.

**225.2 Storage.** Where storage is provided in accessible spaces, at least one of each type shall comply with 811.

**Advisory 225.2 Storage.** Types of storage include, but are not limited to, closets, cabinets, shelves, clothes rods, hooks, and drawers. Where provided, at least one of each type of storage must be within the reach ranges specified in 308; however, it is permissible to install additional storage outside the reach ranges.

**225.2.1 Lockers.** Where lockers are provided, at least 5 percent, but no fewer than one of each type, shall comply with 811.

**Advisory 225.2.1 Lockers.** Different types of lockers may include full-size and half-size lockers, as well as those specifically designed for storage of various sports equipment.

**225.2.2 Self-Service Shelving.** Self-service shelves shall be located on an accessible route complying with 402. Self-service shelving shall not be required to comply with 308.

**Advisory 225.2.2 Self-Service Shelving.** Self-service shelves include, but are not limited to, library, store, or post office shelves.

**Note:** Assure that storage (closets, cabinets, lockers and shelves) comply with 225. No details are provided for the lockers in Room 105 or the cabinets in the lounge area.

## **404. Doors, Doorways, and Gates**

**404.1 General.** Doors, doorways, and gates that are part of an accessible route shall comply with 404.

**EXCEPTION:** Doors, doorways, and gates designed to be operated only by security personnel shall not be required to comply with 404.2.7, 404.2.8, 404.2.9, 404.3.2 and 404.3.4 through 404.3.7.

**404.2.10 Door and Gate Surfaces.** Swinging door and gate surfaces within 10 inches (255 mm) of the finish floor or ground measured vertically shall have a smooth surface on the push side extending the full width of the door or gate. Parts creating horizontal or vertical joints in these surfaces shall be within 1/16 inch (1.6 mm) of the same plane as the other. Cavities created by added kick plates shall be capped.

### **EXCEPTIONS:**

1. Sliding doors shall not be required to comply with 404.2.10.

2. Tempered glass doors without stiles and having a bottom rail or shoe with the top leading edge tapered at 60 degrees minimum from the horizontal shall not be required to meet the 10 inch (255 mm) bottom smooth surface height requirement.

3. Doors and gates that do not extend to within 10 inches (255 mm) of the finish floor or ground shall not be required to comply with 404.2.10.

4. Existing doors and gates without smooth surfaces within 10 inches (255 mm) of the finish floor or ground shall not be required to provide smooth surfaces complying with 404.2.10 provided that if added kick plates are installed, cavities created by such kick plates are capped.

**Note:** Doors with an unsmooth surface within 10 inches from FF cannot be a part of an accessible route.

## **602 Drinking Fountains**

**602.1 General.** Drinking fountains shall comply with 307 and 602.

**602.2 Clear Floor Space.** Units shall have a clear floor or ground space complying with 305 positioned for a forward approach and centered on the unit. Knee and toe clearance complying with 306 shall be provided.

**EXCEPTION:** A parallel approach complying with 305 shall be permitted at units for children's use where the spout is 30 inches (760 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground and is 3 1/2 inches (90 mm) maximum from the front edge of the unit, including bumpers.

**602.3 Operable Parts.** Operable parts shall comply with 309.

**602.4 Spout Height.** Spout outlets shall be 36 inches (915 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground.

**602.5 Spout Location.** The spout shall be located 15 inches (380 mm) minimum from the vertical

support and 5 inches (125 mm) maximum from the front edge of the unit, including bumpers.

**602.6 Water Flow.** The spout shall provide a flow of water 4 inches (100 mm) high minimum and shall be located 5 inches (125 mm) maximum from the front of the unit. The angle of the water stream shall be measured horizontally relative to the front face of the unit. Where spouts are located less than 3 inches (75 mm) of the front of the unit, the angle of the water stream shall be 30 degrees maximum. Where spouts are located between 3 inches (75 mm) and 5 inches (125 mm) maximum from the front of the unit, the angle of the water stream shall be 15 degrees maximum.

**602.7 Drinking Fountains for Standing Persons.** Spout outlets of drinking fountains for standing persons shall be 38 inches (965 mm) minimum and 43 inches (1090 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground.

**Unacceptable:** Plans call for existing water fountain to be repaired and re-used. This would be in violation of 602 specifically 602.7.

### **606. Lavatories and Sinks**

**606.1 General.** Lavatories and sinks shall comply with 606.

**Advisory 606.1 General.** If soap and towel dispensers are provided, they must be located within the reach ranges specified in 308. Locate soap and towel dispensers so that they are conveniently usable by a person at the accessible lavatory.

**606.2 Clear Floor Space.** A clear floor space complying with 305, positioned for a forward approach, and knee and toe clearance complying with 306 shall be provided.

**606.3 Height.** Lavatories and sinks shall be installed with the front of the higher of the rim or counter surface 34 inches (865 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground.

**606.4 Faucets.** Controls for faucets shall comply with 309. Hand-operated metering faucets shall remain open for 10 seconds minimum.

**606.5 Exposed Pipes and Surfaces.** Water supply and drain pipes under lavatories and sinks shall be insulated or otherwise configured to protect against contact. There shall be no sharp or abrasive surfaces under lavatories and sinks.

**Note:** If a sink is provided in the lounge area, make sure it complies with all provisions of 606.

### **608. Showers**

**608.1 General.** Shower compartments shall comply with 608.

**Advisory 608.1 General.** Shower stalls that are 60 inches (1525 mm) wide and have no curb may increase the usability of a bathroom because the shower area provides additional maneuvering space.

**608.2 Size and Clearances for Shower Compartments.** Shower compartments shall have sizes and clearances complying with 608.2.

**608.2.1 Transfer Type Shower Compartments.** Transfer type shower compartments shall be 36 inches (915 mm) by 36 inches (915 mm) clear inside dimensions measured at the center points of opposing sides and shall have a 36 inch (915 mm) wide minimum entry on the face of the shower compartment. Clearance of 36 inches (915 mm) wide minimum by 48 inches (1220 mm) long minimum measured from the control wall shall be provided.

**608.2.2 Standard Roll-In Type Shower Compartments.** Standard roll-in type shower compartments shall be 30 inches (760 mm) wide minimum by 60 inches (1525 mm) deep minimum clear inside dimensions measured at center points of opposing sides and shall have a 60 inches (1525 mm) wide minimum entry on the face of the shower compartment.

**608.2.2.1 Clearance.** A 30 inch (760 mm) wide minimum by 60 inch (1525 mm) long minimum clearance shall be provided adjacent to the open face of the shower compartment.

**Unacceptable:** Shower in Room 121 does not meet the clear space requirements of a transfer type shower as required by 608.2.1. No details on the compliance of other requirements of 608 are provided.

### **803. Dressing, Fitting, and Locker Rooms**

**803.1 General.** Dressing, fitting, and locker rooms shall comply with 803.

**Advisory 803.1 General.** Partitions and doors should be designed to ensure people using accessible dressing and fitting rooms privacy equivalent to that afforded other users of the facility. Section 903.5 requires dressing room bench seats to be installed so that they are at the same height as a typical

wheelchair seat, 17 inches (430 mm) to 19 inches (485 mm). However, wheelchair seats can be lower than dressing room benches for people of short stature or children using wheelchairs.

**803.2 Turning Space.** Turning space complying with 304 shall be provided within the room.

**803.3 Door Swing.** Doors shall not swing into the room unless a clear floor or ground space complying with 305.3 is provided beyond the arc of the door swing.

**803.4 Benches.** A bench complying with 903 shall be provided within the room.

**803.5 Coat Hooks and Shelves.** Coat hooks provided within the room shall be located within one of the reach ranges specified in 308. Shelves shall be 40 inches (1015 mm) minimum and 48 inches (1220 mm) maximum above the finish floor or ground.

**Unacceptable:** No benches are provided for in the rooms where showers are located. Please provide benches complying with Section 903 in those areas where showers are provided.

**Disclaimer:**

During the course of this review, a GOOD FAITH effort has been made to apply the requirements of the Texas Accessibility Standards in a thorough and competent manner, however, sometimes items may be missed, either for lack of detail, confusing details, or as a result of an honest oversight. Anthony Covacevich Consultants makes no guarantees that any items which are not noted as disapproved will be approved during the final inspection. It should not be assumed that this report covers every possible element, space, or feature associated with the project. Under Texas Architectural Barriers law, the responsibility for ensuring compliance rest with the Owner holding title to the property. Anthony Covacevich Consultants shall not be liable for any damages whatsoever, and in particular shall not be liable for special, indirect, consequential, or incidental damages, or damages for lost profits, or loss of REVENUE, arising out of or related to this report or the information contained in it, whether such damages arise in contract, negligence, tort, under statute, in equity, at law or otherwise. Anthony Covacevich Consultants shall not be responsible for any errors or omissions in this report.