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Kevin F. Coppinger, Sheriff
Essex County Sheriff's Department Headquarters
20 Manning Avenue
Middleton, MA 01929 (electronic copy)

Re: Facility Inspection – Essex County Correctional Alternative Center, Lawrence

Dear Sheriff Coppinger:

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 111, §§ 5, 20, and 21, as well as Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities; 105 CMR 480.000: Storage and Disposal of Infectious or Physically Dangerous Medical or Biological Waste (State Sanitary Code, Chapter VIII); 105 CMR 590.000: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments (State Sanitary Code Chapter X); the 2013 Food Code; 105 CMR 500.000 Good Manufacturing Practices for Food; and 105 CMR 205.000 Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and the Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities; the Department's Community Sanitation Program (CSP) conducted an inspection of the Essex County Correctional Alternative Center on March 1, 2022 accompanied by Lieutenant Joe Dipietro and Sean Gallagher, Environmental Health and Safety Officer. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 20 repeat violations:

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Shanene Pierce

Shanene Pierce
Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS

(* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

Main Building

Nurse's Office

No Violations Noted

Storage Closet

105 CMR 451.383(B)*

Fire Safety System: Facility not in compliance with 780 CMR Massachusetts Building Code provisions for fire safety, items stored within 18 inches of the ceiling

Nurse's Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Lobby

No Violations Noted

Control Room

No Violations Noted

Shift Commander's Office

105 CMR 451.200

Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty

Bathroom (in Shift Commander Office)

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Cover missing on electrical outlet above handwash sink

Hallway

No Violations Noted

Staff Break Room

No Violations Noted

Second Floor Lobby

Deputy of Maintenance Office

No Violations Noted

Male Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Assistant Superintendents Office

No Violations Noted

Superintendent's Office

No Violations Noted

Conference Room

No Violations Noted

Female Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Director of Programming Office

No Violations Noted

South Side 1st Floor

Attorney Rooms

No Violations Noted

Work Release Waiting Area

No Violations Noted

Work Release Office

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Bracelet Office

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Records Office

No Violations Noted

Reintegration Office

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Temporary Property Storage

No Violations Noted

Female Staff Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Light out above sink

105 CMR 451.117

Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixture dirty

Male Staff Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Ceiling water damaged

Offices

No Violations Noted

Intake Area

Urine Lab

105 CMR 451.141

Screens: Screen missing

Shake Down Rooms

No Violations Noted

South Side 2nd Floor

Hallway

No Violations Noted

Room # S201

105 CMR 451.141

Screens: Screen missing

Room # S202

No Violations Noted

Room # S203

No Violations Noted

Room # S204

No Violations Noted

Room # S205

No Violations Noted

Room # S206

No Violations Noted

Room # S207

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged, above bed on left side of dorm

Room # S208

Unable to Inspect – Closed

Bathroom

105 CMR 451.126

Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: No hot water supplied to handwash sink

Room # S209

No Violations Noted

Room # S210

Unable to Inspect – Not Used

Room # S211

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling cracked

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged where doorway used to be

Storage Room

No Violations Noted

South Side 3rd Floor

Hallway

105 CMR 451.350

Structural Maintenance: Handrail loose at top of 3rd floor landing

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Lieutenant's Office

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Investigator's Office

No Violations Noted

Hallway

No Violations Noted

Room # S301

No Violations Noted

Room # S302

105 CMR 451.350

Structural Maintenance: Window does not open and close properly

Property Room

No Violations Noted

Room # S303

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

Room # S304

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

Room # S305

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: One light fixture out

Inmate Bathroom

105 CMR 451.126

105 CMR 451.123*

105 CMR 451.123*

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 83.5°F at handwash sink

Maintenance: One light out

Maintenance: Wall tiles missing near toilet

North Side 1st Floor

Dining Room

No Violations Noted

Ice Machine

No Violations Noted

Tray Room

No Violations Noted

Male Visitor's Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Female Visitor's Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Kitchen

Back Serving Area

No Violations Noted

Refrigerators

No Violations Noted

Serving/Prep Tables

No Violations Noted

Office

No Violations Noted

Dry Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Chemical Closet

No Violations Noted

Freezer (F2)

No Violations Noted

Walk-in Refrigerator and Freezer (same unit)

No Violations Noted

Main Kitchen Area

Office

No Violations Noted

Prep Tables

No Violations Noted

Loading Dock

No Violations Noted

2-Compartment Sink (Left)

No Violations Noted

2-Compartment Sink (Center)

No Violations Noted

2-Compartment Sink (Right)

No Violations Noted

Handwash Sink

No Violations Noted

Steamer

No Violations Noted

Ovens and Hoods

No Violations Noted

Kettles

No Violations Noted

Slop Sink

No Violations Noted

Ice Machine

No Violations Noted

North Side 2nd Floor

Counselor's Office

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Toilet fixture missing toilet seat in stall # 2

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Faucet missing handle at handwash sink # 1

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Faucet leaking at handwash sink # 1, 3, and 4

Hallway (Next to Barber Shop)

105 CMR 451.141

Screens: Screen missing

Storage Room (Next to Barber Shop)

No Violations Noted

Barber Shop

No Violations Noted

Room # N201

No Violations Noted

Room # N202

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Bottom of wall damaged under light switch

Room # N203

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Hole in ceiling tile

Room # N204

No Violations Noted

Room # N205

No Violations Noted

Room # N206

105 CMR 451.141

Screens: Screen missing

Room # N207

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Cover missing on electrical outlet next to bed

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged by electrical switch

Room # N209

No Violations Noted

Room # N210 (Left)

Unable to Inspect – Not Used

Room # N210 (Right)

No Violations Noted

North Side 3rd Floor

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

Basement

Laundry

No Violations Noted

Tunnel near Laundry

No Violations Noted

Maintenance Cage

Maintenance Storage

No Violations Noted

Maintenance Area

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical plastic pump sprayer

105 CMR 451.200

Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with
105 CMR 590.000, mold observed on white refrigerator gaskets

Maintenance Office

No Violations Noted

Maintenance Bathroom

105 CMR 451.117

Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixture dirty

Chemical Room

No Violations Noted

Main Bathroom

Toilets and Handwash Sinks

No Violations Noted

Main Shower

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling vent cover missing above shower # 2

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 14 leaking

105 CMR 451.130*

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 15 leaking

105 CMR 451.121(A)*

Privacy: No privacy partition between showers

Slop Sink

No Violations Noted

Print Shop (off of Gym)

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Ceiling access panel not secured in storage area

Toilets and Handwash Sinks

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Ceiling tile missing

Officer's Weight Room

No Violations Noted

Female Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Male Staff Bathroom

105 CMR 451.117

Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixture dirty

Gym

105 CMR 451.350

Structural Maintenance: Door # 1 West not rodent and weathertight

105 CMR 451.350

Structural Maintenance: Door # 2 East not rodent and weathertight

Hallway

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling damaged near light fixture outside male bathroom

Male Bathroom # 105

No Violations Noted

Female Bathroom # 106

No Violations Noted

Offices

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Garage

105 CMR 451.350

Structural Maintenance: Roll down door not rodent and weathertight

105 CMR 451.350

Structural Maintenance: Right exterior door not rodent and weathertight

Anti-Graffiti Garage

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Roll down door not rodent and weathertight

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Exterior doors not rodent and weathertight

Back Building*Classroom*

105 CMR 451.141

Screens: One screen missing

Office Area

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Window sill water damaged where AC unit is installed

Living Area (Occupied)

Unable to Inspect – Quarantine/Isolation Unit

Annex Building (Unoccupied)**First Floor***Dorm # 1*

No Violations Noted

Dorm # 2

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

Visiting Room/Auditorium

No Violations Noted

Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Handicapped Bathroom w/Shower

No Violations Noted

Second Floor*Resource Room*

No Violations Noted

Dorm # 4

Unable to Inspect – Not Used

Office

No Violations Noted

Basement

C-Tech Classroom

No Violations Noted

Library/GED Room

Unable to Inspect – In Use

Staff Bathroom

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Inmate Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Faucet leaking at handwash sink # 3

Slop Sink

No Violations Noted

Inmate Shower Room

105 CMR 451.121(A)*

Privacy: No privacy partition between showers

105 CMR 451.130*

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 2 leaking

Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 64 at the time of inspection.
2. The Living Area of the Back Building is the COVID-19 quarantine/isolation area. There were 13 inmates housed in the Living Area at the time of the inspection.

This facility does not comply with the Department's Regulations cited above. In accordance with 105 CMR 451.404, please submit a plan of correction within 10 working days of receipt of this notice, indicating the specific corrective steps to be taken, a timetable for such steps, and the date by which correction will be achieved. The plan should be signed by the Superintendent or Administrator and submitted to my attention, at the address listed above.

To review the specific regulatory requirements please visit our website at www.mass.gov/dph/dcs and click on "Correctional Facilities" (available in both PDF and RTF formats).

To review the Food Establishment Regulations or download a copy, please visit the Food Protection website at www.mass.gov/dph/fpp and click on "Retail food". Then under DPH Regulations and FDA Code click "Merged Food Code" or "105 CMR 590.000 - State Sanitary Code Chapter X - Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments".

To review the Labeling regulations please visit the Food Protection website at www.mass.gov/dph/fpp and click on "Food Protection Program regulations". Then under Food Processing click "105 CMR 500.000: Good Manufacturing Practices for Food".

This inspection report is signed and certified under the pains and penalties of perjury.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shanene Pierce". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shanene Pierce
Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH