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Douglas Bower, Superintendent
MASAC in Plymouth
Myles Standish State Forest
Plymouth, MA 02360 (electronic copy)

Re: Plan of Correction – MASAC in Plymouth

Dear Superintendent Bower:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Community Sanitation Program (CSP) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection on March 9, 2022. After review, the CSP finds the plan does not appropriately address all of the violation noted in the report:

1. Where you indicate “Gensler study report shows a construction start on 6/22/2022,” the CSP cannot approve any items that do not identify a reasonable time frame for repair. Please provide an approximate date for the completion of these repairs.
2. Where you indicate “unimpeded access to toilet and handwash facilities are available within close proximity to this area,” for the Medical Treatment Room near Central Control, and the Medical Offices in the HSU inside C Dorm, the CSP remains concerned with the lack of a handwash sink available to medical staff. In addition to 105 CMR 451.109 and 451.112, the CSP also refers to 105 CMR 205.103 where it states that the required examination room “shall contain a handwash sink with hot and cold running water.” The CSP does not feel the provided handwash sink and toilet facilities are convenient for medical staff as they are shared by all other employees and may not be readily available as needed. The CSP recommends installing convenient handwash sinks in all areas where medical treatment is provided for the medical staff to utilize at all times.
3. The CSP appreciates the numerous, ongoing construction projects throughout your facility, including the installation of two staff toilet and handwash facilities in the lower camp area. The CSP remains concerned with the usage of the portable toilets and portable handwash sinks outside Building # 17 for staff, especially during the winter months. We request to be kept apprised of the bathroom installation project in the lower camp area, as well as the removal of the portable toilets and handwash sinks.
4. In regards to the issue of overcrowding, the Department appreciates the limitations of correctional facilities and the need to accommodate the ever-increasing population; however we remain concerned with the overcrowded conditions.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter, should you have any questions please contact me at the address listed above.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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