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Jeffrey Gonsalves, Superintendent
MASAC in Plymouth
Myles Standish State Forest
Plymouth, MA 02360 (electronic copy)

Re: Plan of Correction – MASAC in Plymouth

Dear Superintendent Gonsalves:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Community Sanitation Program (CSP) has received your Plan of Correction dated March 27, 2023. After review, the CSP finds the plan does not appropriately address all of the violation noted in the report:

1. In regards to 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.
2. 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,

Patrick Wallace
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