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Dean Gray, Superintendent
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Re: Plan of Correction – MCI Concord

Dear Superintendent Gray:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Community Sanitation Program (CSP) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection of MCI Concord on October 30 and 31, and November 1, 2023. After review, the CSP finds the plan appropriately addresses all the violations noted in the report with the following exceptions:

1. In instances where you state “completed and/or repaired” there is no specific corrective action indicated, the CSP requests a plan outlining the specific corrective steps taken to ensure the violations are now within compliance.
2. The CSP appreciates the updated information concerning the:
 - a. Leaking ceiling near Refrigerator # 5 in D Building;
 - b. Floor surface damaged throughout the Mechanical Warewashing Room;
 - c. Ceiling leaking above the large sliding door outside Former Legal Storage in I Building; and
 - d. Gas meter alarm continuously beeping in Laundry.

However, we cannot approve any items that do not identify an anticipated date of completion of the repairs.

3. Your Plan of Correction (POC) states the following projects are receiving quotes for repairs for:
 - a. The broken window on the second tier in Control near C2-22 in BAU;
 - b. Missing screens in Classrooms in H Building;
 - c. Broken window in J Control and the J Building Control Corridor in J Building;
 - d. Broken windows in Tower # 1 and 5; and
 - e. Water damaged and leaking ceiling in Tower # 4.

While the CSP recognizes the complexities of managerial and budgetary constraints, we cannot approve any items that do not identify a reasonable time frame for repair. The CSP remains concerned with the violations noted and asks you to provide a plan describing the interim measures you have implemented to ensure the health and safety of inmates and staff. In addition, we ask to be kept apprised of the funding progress.

4. Please indicate if the excessive ice build-up on the floor and boxes of food in Freezer # 6 in D Building has been removed.
5. While the CSP appreciates the financial limitations of correctional facilities, the time frame to obtain a Certificate of Use and Occupancy for L Building and Store House appears excessive, the CSP would like these violations corrected within a shorter time frame.

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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