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Joann Lynds, Superintendent
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Re: Plan of Correction – MCI Shirley

Dear Superintendent Lynds:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Community Sanitation Program (CSP) has received your Plan of Correction in response to the inspection conducted on December 19, 20, and 21, 2023. After review, the CSP finds the plan appropriately addresses all of the violations noted in the report with the following exceptions:

1. In regards to the issue of overcrowding, the CSP appreciates the limitations of correctional facilities and the need to accommodate the ever-increasing population; however we remain concerned with the overcrowded conditions.
2. Please confirm that hot water temperatures have been adjusted to meet regulatory requirements within the range of 100°F-112°F for showers and 110°F-130°F for handwash sinks.
3. The CSP appreciates the information on the updates to the record keeping log for medical and biological waste, however we cannot approve any items that do not identify a reasonable time frame for repair. Please provide confirmation that the record keeping log and all associated paperwork for medical and biological waste sent offsite for treatment has been appropriately updated.
4. Please provide a corrective action and an estimated date of repair for the following violations:
 - a. Dead birds observed in Rec Cage # 2 in B.A.U. # 2;
 - b. Debris observed on the floor in Rec Cage # 1 and 2 in B.A.U. # 2;
 - c. No cold water supplied to handwash sink near bed # 1 in the ADL Dorm;
 - d. Pressure gauge not working on the warewash machine in Culinary Arts;
 - e. Upholstery damaged on examination table in Trauma Room # 1023 in H.S.U.;
 - f. No hot water supplied to handwash sink in Med Line in H.S.U.;
 - g. Generator did not confirm the shipment was received by the treatment facility within 30 days on an approved tracking form, 2 tracking forms missing in the Biohazard Storage Room # 1012 in H.S.U.;
 - h. Accumulation of mold/soil observed on interior surfaces of ice machine in H.S.U. Room # 1011;
 - i. Obstructed egress, cart in front of exterior door in Property;
 - j. Single-use plastic utensils stored uncovered and open to contamination in Property;
 - k. Electric hand dryer out-of-order in Male Bathroom # 414 in the Visiting Room;
 - l. Screen damaged in the Canteen Storage Room in the Gym; and
 - m. Basin cracked in slop sink in Closet in the Minimum Administration Building.
5. Please provide an updated date of repair for the refrigerator gaskets dirty in the left side cooler in the Serving Line.

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

Sincerely,



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