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Thomas Bowler, Sheriff
Berkshire County Jail and House of Correction
467 Cheshire Road
Pittsfield, MA 01201 (electronic copy)

Re: Facility Inspection - Berkshire County Jail and House of Correction, Pittsfield

Dear Sheriff Bowler:

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: Minimum Requirements for the Management of 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 Berkshire County Jail and House of Correction on February 28, 2024 accompanied by Alan Ceti, Fire and Safety Officer; Captain Robert McCluskey; and Lieutenant Danielle Tyer, Compliance and Safety Supervisor. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 45 repeat violations:

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

Sincerely,

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HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS

(* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

FRONT ENTRY

Lobby
No Violations Noted

Mail Room
No Violations Noted

Female Bathroom
No Violations Noted

Male Bathroom
No Violations Noted

ADMINISTRATION (OUTSIDE)

Female Staff Bathroom
No Violations Noted

Male Staff Bathroom
No Violations Noted

Break Room
No Violations Noted

STAFF GYM
No Violations Noted

Break Area
No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet
No Violations Noted

Female Locker Room
No Violations Noted

Male Locker Room
No Violations Noted

INTAKE/BOOKING

Female Search Room # 1
No Violations Noted

Male Search Room # 2
No Violations Noted

Male Staff Bathroom
No Violations Noted

Female Staff Bathroom
No Violations Noted

Cells
105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in cell # BR05

Medical Screening Room # BR10
No Violations Noted

Records
No Violations Noted

Urinalysis Lab
No Violations Noted

Office # BR17
No Violations Noted

Storage Room # BR18
No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet # BR20
No Violations Noted

Transportation Room
No Violations Noted

Sally Port
No Violations Noted

Mental Health Interview Room
No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom
No Violations Noted

PROPERTY
No Violations Noted

Office
No Violations Noted

HOUSING

A-POD

Triage Office
No Violations Noted

Counselor's Office
No Violations Noted

Recreation Deck
No Violations Noted

Cells
105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # A113, A117, and A118

Lower Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Lower Showers # 1-3

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 1-3

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 3

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 1 and 2

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Mold observed on floor in shower # 1

Upper Showers # 4-7

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 4-7

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 2

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 4

Upper Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Sub Day Room

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Shower

105 CMR 451.130

Hot Water: Shower water temperature recorded at 81°F

A and B POD CONTROL

No Violations Noted

Control Bathroom

No Violations Noted

B-POD

Offices

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Day Room

105 CMR 451.200

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

Recreation Deck

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Lower Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Lower Showers # 1-3
105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 1-3

Upper Showers # 4-7
105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.130
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 4-7
Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, fixture leaking in shower # 5
Maintenance: Ceiling vent rusted in shower # 5 and 6

Upper Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Sub Day Room

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Shower
105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower

C-POD

Triage Office

No Violations Noted

Offices

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Recreation Deck

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Lower Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Lower Showers # 1-3
105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 1-3

Upper Showers # 4-7
105 CMR 451.123
105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.123
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 4
Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 5, 6, and 7
Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 5 and 6
Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 4, 5, and 7

Upper Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Sub Day Room

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Shower

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower

D-POD

Offices

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Day Room

105 CMR 451.200

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

Recreation Deck

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Lower Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Lower Showers # 1-3

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 1-3

Upper Showers # 4-7

105 CMR 451.123*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 4-7

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 5

Upper Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Sub Day Room

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Shower

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower

E-POD

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

F-POD

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

G-POD*Triage Room*

No Violations Noted

Office

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Recreation Deck

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Lower Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Lower Showers # 1-3
105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 1-3

Upper Showers # 4-7
105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.130
105 CMR 451.123Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 4-7
Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, fixture leaking in shower # 4
Maintenance: Ceiling vent rusted in shower # 5 and 6*Upper Janitor's Closet*

No Violations Noted

Sub Day Room

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

*Shower*105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.130*Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower
Hot Water: Shower water temperature recorded at 123⁰F**MULTI-PURPOSE ROOMS (Outside G and H PODS)**

No Violations Noted

GYM

No Violations Noted

Weight Room
105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Padding damaged on curling machine

Office # RE07

No Violations Noted

Storage # RE05

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet # RE04

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Staff Bathroom # RE03

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom # RE02

No Violations Noted

COMMISSARY

No Violations Noted

KITCHEN HALLWAY

Female Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Male Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Cert Room # FS02

Unable to Inspect – Locked

KITCHEN

The following Food Code violations listed in **BOLD** were observed to be corrected on-site.

Handwash Sink

No Violations Noted

Cart Room

No Violations Noted

Dry Storage

No Violations Noted

Walk-in-Cooler

No Violations Noted

Walk-in-Freezer
FC 4-501.11(A)

Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, excessive ice build-up observed under fans

Produce Cooler

No Violations Noted

<i>Office</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Bakery</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Hobart Coolers</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Food Prep Tables (near Ventilation Hoods)</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Ventilation Hoods</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Handwash Sink</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Worker's Changing Room</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Worker's Bathroom # FS09 (located in changing room)</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Reach-in-Freezer</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Inmate Bathroom # FS07</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage Closet # FS06</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Worker's Serving Line</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Dishwashing Area</i> FC 3-304.14(B)(1)	Protection from Contamination After Receiving; Preventing Contamination from Equipment, Utensils, and Linens: Wet cloth not stored in sanitizer solution
<i>Handwash Sink</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Worker's Dining Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Ice Machine</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Chemical Storage</i>	No Violations Noted

Staff Dining Area

No Violations Noted

Serving Line

No Violations Noted

Handwash Sink

No Violations Noted

LAUNDRY

No Violations Noted

Bathroom # LA02

No Violations Noted

Storage Closet # LA03

No Violations Noted

Office # LA04

No Violations Noted

Maintenance Closet # LA05

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Maintenance Area # MA01A*Chemical Closet # MA02*

No Violations Noted

Trash Room # MA09

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Dumpster Area

No Violations Noted

Office Area

No Violations Noted

Bathroom # MA05

No Violations Noted

Bathroom # MA06
105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Supply Closet # MA07

No Violations Noted

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION*Carpentry Shop*

No Violations Noted

Maintenance Shop

No Violations Noted

Graphic Arts

No Violations Noted

IT Office

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Inmate Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Education Area

Classrooms

No Violations Noted

Library

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom

No Violations Noted

HUMAN SERVICES

Staff Bathroom # HS10

No Violations Noted

Break Room # HS13

No Violations Noted

MEDICAL

Medical Storage # MS07

No Violations Noted

Medical Waste Storage/Records # MS06

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet # MS05

No Violations Noted

Dental

Dental Office # MS12

No Violations Noted

Exam Room # 1

No Violations Noted

Exam Room # 2

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom # MS04

No Violations Noted

Tub Room

No Violations Noted

Inmate Waiting Area

No Violations Noted

Storage (former Inmate Bathroom)

No Violations Noted

VISITING AREA

No Violations Noted

Strip Search Room

No Violations Noted

Non-Contact Visiting

No Violations Noted

CENTRAL CONTROL

No Violations Noted

Control Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Key Room

Unable to Inspect – Locked

WAREHOUSE

No Violations Noted

Office

No Violations Noted

Walk-in-Cooler

No Violations Noted

Walk-in-Freezer

No Violations Noted

Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Storage Room

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Vehicle Maintenance Garage

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 218 at the time of inspection.
2. Hot water temperature range for showers is 100⁰F-112⁰F.
3. At the time of the inspection Housing Pod-E and F were unoccupied and under construction.

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,



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