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Lisa Curto, Superintendent
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Re: Plan of Correction – Pondville Correctional Center, Norfolk

Dear Superintendent Curto:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Community Sanitation Program (CSP) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection on March 5, 2024. 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. Your Plan of Correction (POC) states the Walk-In Refrigerator/ Freezer project is receiving quotes for repairs and awaiting approval for capital funding. 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 in regards to the Walk-In Refrigerator/ Freezer project and asks you 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 capital funding progress.

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

Sincerely,

Hannah LeBeau

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 Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BCEH

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