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Stephen Kennedy, Superintendent  
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1 Administration Road  
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Re: Plan of Correction – Old Colony Correctional Center, Bridgewater

Dear Superintendent Kennedy:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Community Sanitation Program (CSP) has received your Plan of Correction (POC) in response to my inspection on May 23 and 24, 2024. After review, the CSP finds the plan appropriately addresses all of the violations noted 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. While the CSP appreciates the financial limitations of correctional facilities, the time frame to correct the inadequate hot water temperature at several handwash sinks and showers throughout the facility appears excessive. The CSP would like these violations corrected within a shorter time frame.
3. Please provide a corrective action and date of completion for the following unaddressed violations:
  - a. Medical waste tracking form missing in Biohazard Room # D2-75;
  - b. Floor tiles missing on top tier of Behavioral Adjustment Unit;
  - c. Standing water observed in mop bucket in Janitor's Closet # CM-40;
  - d. Wet mop stored in bucket in Janitor's Closet # CM-40;
  - e. Inadequate hot water temperature low in shower # CM-42;
  - f. Wall exhaust vent not functional in cell # M10 of Behavioral Adjustment Unit;
  - g. Drain flies observed in handicapped shower # LG-42;
  - h. Wall tiles damaged in shower # LM-42;
  - i. Rear door not rodent and weathertight in Minimum Visiting Area; and
  - j. Door damaged at entrance to Minimum Gym.

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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