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May 12, 2025

To: Shawn Jenkins, Commissioner, Department of Corrections (electronic copy)  
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 Clerk, Massachusetts Senate (electronic copy)  
 Michael Moreira, Environmental Health and Safety Officer (electronic copy)

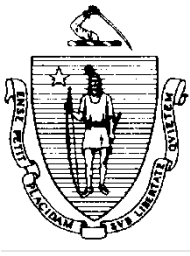
Greetings,

Pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403, please find the inspection report for Bristol County Women’s Center, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS).

Sincerely,

Patrick Wallace  
 Environmental Analyst, EHRS, BCEH

Cc: Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD, Commissioner, DPH (electronic copy)  
 Terrence Reidy, Secretary, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (electronic copy)  
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March 23, 2026

Paul Heroux, Sheriff  
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Dartmouth Women's Center  
400 Faunce Corner Road  
North Dartmouth, MA 02747 (electronic copy)

Re: Facility Inspection – Dartmouth Women's Center, North Dartmouth

Dear Sheriff Heroux:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) conducted an inspection of the Dartmouth Women's Center on March 11, 2026, accompanied by Michael Moreira, Fire Safety/Environmental Health and Safety Officer and Officer Justin Samanica, in accordance with Department regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities.

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## **SECTION 1: Health and Safety Deficiencies**

### **Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)**

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## **SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance**

EHRIS inspected 20 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance.

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EHRIS inspected all areas of the facility.

#### **SECTION 4: Plan of Correction**

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. The Plan of Correction must include:

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This inspection report is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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PAUL HEROUX  
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**April 7, 2026**

**Department of Public Safety  
Division of Community Sanitation, c/o Mr. Patrick Wallace, EHRs, BCEH  
5 Randolph St  
Canton MA 02021**


**Dear Mr. Wallace,**


**Attached, please find the response from the Bristol County Sheriff's Office for the March 11th, 2026 DPH inspection of the Women's Center at the Dartmouth Complex located on 400 Faunce Corner Road in Dartmouth.**

**Please be aware that the Bristol County Sheriff's Office is committed to ongoing improvements within this facility and is attempting to correct or has already corrected all areas of non-compliance.**

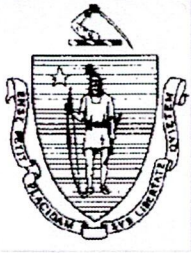
**Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 508-995-6400 ext. 2831 or MichaelMoreira@BCSO-MA.Org.**

**Respectfully,**

  
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**Michael E. Moreira**  
**Environmental Health and Safety**

  
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**Paul Heroux**  
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Re: Plan of Correction – Women's Center, North Dartmouth

Dear Sheriff Heroux:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection on March 11, 2026. After review, the EHRS finds the plan appropriately addresses all the deficiencies noted in the report with the following exception:

In regards to the issue of overcrowding, EHRS appreciates the limitations of correctional facilities and the need to accommodate the ever-increasing population; however we remain concerned with the overcrowded conditions.

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

Sincerely,

Patrick Wallace  
 Environmental Analyst, EHRS, BCEH

cc: Joseph Oliver III, Superintendent  
 Michael Moreira, EHSO

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