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September 21, 2021

Steven W. Tompkins, Sheriff  
Suffolk County Sheriff's Department  
20 Bradston Street  
Boston, MA 02118 (electronic copy)

Re: Plan of Correction – Suffolk County Jail, Boston

Dear Sheriff Tompkins:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Community Sanitation Program (CSP) has received your Plan of Correction (POC) in response to my inspection on June 28 and 29, 2021. After review, the CSP finds the plan does not appropriately address all of the violations noted:

1. Please provide a corrective action and date of completion for the following violations:
  - a. Mattress cover missing in cell # 11, 12, 13, 25, 29, 32, 35, and 40 in Unit 6-1;
  - b. Faucet leaking at handwash sink in kitchenette of Unit 4-1;
  - c. Dead drain flies observed on ceiling of shower # 42H in Unit 4-2;
  - d. Faucet leaking at handwash sink in kitchenette of Unit 2-3;
  - e. Rodent droppings observed in kitchenette of Unit 2-3;
  - f. Dead drain flies on ceiling of shower # 23C in Unit 2-3;
  - g. Dead drain flies observed on ceiling of shower # 23G in Unit 2-3;
  - h. Dead drain flies observed on ceiling of shower # 23H in Unit 2-3;
  - i. Interior of microwave oven dirty in kitchenette of Unit 2-4;
  - j. Hand dryer out-of-order in kitchenette of Unit 2-4;
  - k. Rodent droppings observed in kitchenette of Unit 2-4;
  - l. Light Rusted in shower # 24J in Unit 2-4;
  - m. Floor drain cover damaged in hallway of Ground Level; and
  - n. Sink basins damaged at 3-Compartment Sink in Food Service Area.
2. In instances where you indicate *working w/contractor to address interior concerns* and *working w/contractor shore up exterior protection*, please provide a corrective action and date of completion for the violations noted.

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 Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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