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Kevin F. Coppinger, Sheriff
Essex County Sheriff's Department Headquarters
20 Manning Avenue
Middleton, MA 01929 (electronic copy)

Re: Plan of Correction – Essex County Correctional Alternative Center, Lawrence

Dear Sheriff Coppinger:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Community Sanitation Program (CSP) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection on November 10, 2021. After review, the CSP finds the plan appropriately addresses all of the violations noted in the report with the following exceptions:

1. Your Plan of Correction (POC) does not adequately address violations cited under 105 CMR 480.000: Minimum Requirements for the Management of Medical Or Biological Waste (State Sanitary Code Chapter VIII). The CSP requests the corrective actions taken and estimated date of completion for the following unaddressed violations:
 - a. Generator had no written documentation for blood borne pathogen training, documentation provided did not demonstrate annual training;
 - b. Generator did not maintain a record-keeping log for waste sent off-site for treatment, missing August waste pickup;
 - c. Generator did not specify off-site treatment parameters, total combined weight of medical or biological waste shipped off-site did not match shipping and tracking papers; and
 - d. Storage Area not designed or equipped to prevent unauthorized access, secondary container not being stored in manner to prevent unauthorized access in Nurse's Office.
2. Your POC states the purchasing of shower partitions is 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 lack of shower partitions 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.
3. Please provide an estimated date of repair for:
 - a. Wall damaged outside Room # S205;
 - b. Wall damaged in Room # S208;
 - c. Window broken in Dining Room;
 - d. Installation of the easily accessible and readable data plate on warewashing machine;
 - e. Water pooling on floor next to wall adjacent to walk-in freezer (F2);
 - f. Replacement of ceiling ventilation grill/cover in freezer (F2);
 - g. Securing floor plate in freezer;
 - h. Installation of mop hangers in Kitchen;
 - i. Replacement of wall in Room # N206;
 - j. Installation of mop hangers in North Side 3rd Floor bathroom;

- k. Window does not open and close properly in Room # N307;
- l. Installation of mop hangers in Maintenance Cage bathroom;
- m. Installation of new toilet seats in stall # 3, 4, 6, 7, and 8 in North Side main bathroom; and
- n. Window broken in Room #6 of Back Building.

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

Sincerely,



Shanene Pierce
Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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