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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 on December 10, 2021. After review, the CSP finds the plan appropriately addresses all of the violations noted in the report with the following exceptions:

1. The CSP observed shipping and tracking forms for a August 2021 medical waste pickup. Please confirm the facility's record keeping log is accurately documenting all medical and biological waste being picked up from the facility.
2. Please confirm all medical and biological waste is being stored in the locked cabinet within the medical office.
3. The information provided on your Plans of Correction received on November 29, 2021 and December 10, 2021 provides different information as to where mops utilized to clean the North Side 3rd floor bathroom are being stored. Please confirm that all mops are being stored correctly and inmates are being trained in proper cleaning procedures.
4. The Department appreciates the updated information concerning the repairs for the items listed below; however we cannot approve any items that do not identify a reasonable time frame for repair.
 - a. Window broken in Dining Room;
 - b. Installation of the easily accessible and readable data plate on warewashing machine;
 - c. Water pooling on floor next to wall adjacent to walk-in freezer;
 - d. Replacement of ceiling ventilation grille/cover in walk-in freezer;
 - e. Securing floor plate in freezer;
 - f. Windows does not open and close properly in Room # N307; and
 - g. 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,



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Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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