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David H. Tuttle, Superintendent
Worcester County House of Corrections and Jail
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West Boylston, MA 01583 (electronic copy)

Re: Plan of Correction – Worcester County House of Corrections and Jail, West Boylston

Dear Superintendent Tuttle:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Community Sanitation Program (CSP) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection on April 7 and 8, 2022. After review, the CSP finds the plan appropriately addresses all the violations noted in the report with the following exceptions:

1. Your Plan of Correction (POC) states the project to address the cell windows that are unable to be opened or closed in H, I, J, and K Buildings is awaiting approval for capital funding by July 15, 2022. 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 cell windows project 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.
2. 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.

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

Sincerely,



Amy Medeiros
Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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