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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 Women in Transition, Salisbury

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 September 13, 2022. After review, the CSP finds the plan appropriately addresses all of the violations noted in the report with the following exceptions:

1. The Department appreciates the updated information concerning the annual blood borne pathogen training documentation, however we cannot approve any items that do not identify a reasonable time frame for repair. Please provide the date of completion when it becomes available.
2. Your Plan of Correction indicates you have an approved overcrowding waiver from the Department of Corrections (DOC) regarding floor space in cells. Please be advised that the DOC does not have the authority to issue waivers for any provisions of 105 CMR 451.000, therefore we cannot accept a waiver from the DOC as a means of remedy. 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.
3. Please provide an estimated date of repair for:
 - a. Floor tiles damaged near exterior egress door in Dorm Room # 13;
 - b. Baseboard heater cover damaged in bathroom of Dorm Room # 13;
 - c. Large gaps between floor tiles in bathroom of Dorm Room # 15;
 - d. Baseboard heater cover damaged in bathroom of Dorm Room # 15; and
 - e. Floor tiles damaged in bathroom of Dorm Room # 16.

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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