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Thomas Neville, Superintendent
Boston Pre-Release Center
430 Canterbury Street
Roslindale, MA 02131 (electronic copy)

Re: Facility Inspection – Boston Pre-Release Center, Roslindale

Dear Superintendent Neville:

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 111, §§ 5, 20, and 21, as well as Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities; 105 CMR 480.000: Storage and Disposal of Infectious or Physically Dangerous Medical or Biological Waste (State Sanitary Code, Chapter VIII); 105 CMR 590.000: Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments (State Sanitary Code Chapter X); the 2013 Food Code; 105 CMR 500.000 Good Manufacturing Practices for Food; and 105 CMR 205.000 Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and the Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities; the Department's Community Sanitation Program (CSP) conducted an inspection of the Boston Pre-Release Center on October 13, 2022 accompanied by Matthew Knarr, Environmental Health and Safety Officer. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 16 repeat violations:

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Shanene Pierce
Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS

(* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

FIRST FLOOR

Lobby

No Violations Noted

Visitor's Room # A1-4

No Violations Noted

Female Visitor's Bathroom # A1-5

No Violations Noted

Male Visitor's Bathroom # A1-6

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet # A1-7

No violations Noted

A Wing

Shift Commander's Office # A1-8

No Violations Noted

Female Staff Bathroom # A1-9

No Violations Noted

Male Staff Bathroom # A1-10

No Violations Noted

Intake Holding Area # A1-12

No Violations Noted

Property # A1-17

No Violations Noted

Holding Cell # A1-18

No Violations Noted

Weight Room # A1-19

No Violations Noted

Male Staff Locker Room # A1-29/30

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet # A1-31

No Violations Noted

Female Staff Locker Room # A1-32/33

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, hot water control not functioning properly **Forwarded to maintenance for review, possible need for DRM Plumber to resolve the issue. Anticipated repair date by 12/31/22**

Mechanical Room # A1-36 (Medical Waste Storage)
No Violations Noted

Storage/Warehouse # A1-38
No Violations Noted

Maintenance # A1-39
No Violations Noted

Tool Crib #A1-10
No Violations Noted

Office # A1-41
No Violations Noted

Health Service Unit

Bathroom # A1-23
No Violations Noted

Medical Lab # A1-24
No Violations Noted

Exam Room # A1-25
No Violations Noted

Dental Room # A1-26
105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Upholstery damaged on patient chair **Chair will be desgarded and a replacement chair will be ordered or moved from an unoccupied area by 10/31/22**

Food Service Area

The following Food Code violations listed in **BOLD** were observed to be corrected on-site.

Walk-in Freezer (Outside)
No Violations Noted

Bathroom
No Violations Noted

Walk-in Freezer
No Violations Noted

Walk-in Refrigerator
No Violations Noted

Prep Table
No Violations Noted

Dry Storage Room # A1-46
FC 6-501.12(A)* Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, rodent droppings observed on floor under dry storage shelves

FC 6-501.112

Maintenance and Operations; Removing Dead or Trapped Birds, Insects, Rodents and other Pest: Dead mouse observed on trap under dry storage shelves

Office # A1-47

FC 6-501.11*

Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, window does not open and close properly **Referred to maintenance- Window to be repaired by 11/30/22**

Mechanical Warewashing Room

FC 6-501.11*

Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, water dripping from ceiling tiles near warewash machine **Maintenance is aware, Institutional dish washer vents aren't operating properly. Outside vendor will need to be hired for repairs. Expected correction date by 1/31/22**

Handwash Sink

No Violations Noted

Traulsen Refrigerator

No Violations Noted

Food Service Line

No Violations Noted

Traulsen Warmer

No Violations Noted

Rubbish Room (Chemical Storage) # A1-51

No Violations Noted

Supply Room # A1-50

No Violations Noted

Ice Machine

No Violations Noted

Grease Hood

No Violations Noted

Asber Freezer

No Violations Noted

Inmate Dining Room # A1-52

No violations Noted

Staff Dining Room # A1-53

No Violations Noted

B Wing – P1 Unit

Day Room

No Violations Noted

Bathroom # B1-31

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handicapped toilet out-of-order **Replacement toilet is already on site at the facility, expected to be repaired by 10/31/22**

Shower Room # B1-33

- 105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor paint damaged and no longer cleanable throughout shower area **Maintenance is in the process of ordering the proper paint suitable for the amount of use/water consistently on the shower floor. Once a proper paint has been identified the floor will be resurfaced. Expected by 12/31/22**
- 105 CMR 451.123* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 3 and 7 **Forwarded to institutional Assignment officer to ensure cleaning is properly done by the inmate hired for that assigned area. Showers should be cleaned daily. Shower was cleaned on 10/19/22**
- 105 CMR 451.123* Maintenance: Door frame paint damaged at entrance **Forwarded to maintenance, surface will be repainted by 11/30/22**
- 105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Wall dirty in shower # 2 **Forwarded to institutional Assignment officer to ensure cleaning is properly done by the inmate hired for that assigned area. Showers should be cleaned daily. Shower was cleaned on 10/19/22**
- 105 CMR 451.123* Maintenance: Wall dirty in shower # 4 **Forwarded to institutional Assignment officer to ensure cleaning is properly done by the inmate hired for that assigned area. Showers should be cleaned daily. Shower was cleaned on 10/19/22**

Janitor's Closet # B1-34

- 105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Water pooling on floor **Water basin has been removed, a new gasket appears to be the issue. Maintenance made aware. Closet has been taken offline until the proper repairs can be completed. Expected repairs by 11/30/22**
- 105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Water leaking from closet into hallway **Water basin has been removed, a new gasket appears to be the issue. Maintenance made aware. Closet has been taken offline until the proper repairs can be completed. Expected repairs by 11/30/22**

Laundry Room

No Violations Noted

Cells

- 105 CMR 451.321* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space, cells triple bunked **No cells are currently triple bunked. It should be noted that Department of Public Safety and Inspections authorizes the facility to have a max capacity of 250 inmates. It should also be noted that it is unlikely that the facility will ever need to be triple bunked and should explore the option of removing the top bunks.**
- 105 CMR 451.360 Protective Measures: Rodent droppings observed on floor in cell # B106 **The inmate occupying cell 106 has been advised to clean and maintain his personal space to include keeping all food secured in his locker inaccessible to rodents. Flynn Pest on site every 2 weeks continuing to combat any pest control issues. Droppings were cleaned on 10/19/22**

C Wing – M1 Unit

Unable to Inspect – Quarantine/Isolation Unit

SECOND FLOOR

A Wing

Office # A2-6

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	No Violations Noted
<i>Office # A2-7</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Office # A2-9</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Office # A2-10</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Closet # A2-8</i>	Unable to Inspect – Locked
<i>Multi-Purpose Room # A2-2</i>	
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Door hinge detached from wall Door will be inspected by the institutional Locksmith and repaired by 10/31/22
<i>Classroom # A2-4</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Classroom # A2-5</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Staff Bathroom # A2-34</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Office # A2-35</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage # A2-36</i>	Unable to Inspect – Locked
<i>Barber Shop # A2-11</i>	Unable to Inspect – Locked
<i>Work Release Offices</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Janitor's Closet # A2-12</i>	No Violations Noted
<u>Administration Area</u>	
<i>Janitor's Closet # A2-24</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Female Staff Bathroom # A2-25</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Male Staff Bathroom # A2-26</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Kitchenette</i>	No Violations Noted

IPS

Unable to Inspect – Locked

B Wing – P2 Unit

Day Room

No Violations Noted

Bathroom # B2-31

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling louver/grill cover missing in handicapped stall **Maintenance made aware, will be looked at to order a replacement cover, expected replaced by 11/30/22**

Janitor's Closet # B2-32

No Violations Noted

Shower Room # B2-33

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1, 2, 4, 5, and 7 **Forwarded to institutional Assignment officer to ensure cleaning is properly done by the inmate hired for that assigned area. Showers should be cleaned daily. Shower was cleaned on 10/19/22**

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor paint damaged and no longer cleanable throughout shower area **Maintenance is in the process of ordering the proper paint suitable for the amount of use/water consistently on the shower floor. Once a proper paint has been identified the floor will be resurfaced. Expected by 12/31/22**

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Wall dirty in shower # 1 and 5 **Forwarded to institutional Assignment officer to ensure cleaning is properly done by the inmate hired for that assigned area. Showers should be cleaned daily. Shower was cleaned on 10/19/22**

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling dirty throughout shower area, possible mold/mildew **Forwarded to institutional Assignment officer to ensure cleaning is properly done by the inmate hired for that assigned area. Showers should be cleaned daily. Shower was cleaned on 10/19/22**

Laundry Room # B2-34

No Violations Noted

Cells

105 CMR 451.321*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space, cells triple bunked **No cells are currently triple bunked. It should be noted that Department of Public Safety and Inspections authorizes the facility to have a max capacity of 250 inmates. It should also be noted that it is unlikely that the facility will ever need to be triple bunked and should explore the option of removing the top bunks.**

C Wing – M2 Unit

105 CMR 451.350

Structural Maintenance: Window does not open and close properly in hallway near stairwell # 4 **Referred to maintenance- Window to be repaired by 11/30/22**

Computer Classroom

No Violations Noted

Laundry Room # C2-31

No Violations Noted

Bathroom # C2-32

- 105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in shower # 1 **Maintenance made aware, ceiling will be painted by 11/30/22**
- 105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor paint damaged and no longer cleanable throughout shower area **Maintenance is in the process of ordering the proper paint suitable for the amount of use/water consistently on the shower floor. Once a proper paint has been identified the floor will be resurfaced. Expected by 12/31/22**
- 105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Wall dirty in shower # 3 **Forwarded to institutional Assignment officer to ensure cleaning is properly done by the inmate hired for that assigned area. Showers should be cleaned daily. Shower was cleaned on 10/19/22**

Janitor's Closet # C2-34

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 46 at the time of inspection.
2. M1 Unit of C Wing was the COVID-19 quarantine/isolation area. There were 3 inmates housed in the M1 Unit.

This facility does not comply with the Department's Regulations cited above. In accordance with 105 CMR 451.404, please submit a plan of correction within 10 working days of receipt of this notice, indicating the specific corrective steps to be taken, a timetable for such steps, and the date by which correction will be achieved. The plan should be signed by the Superintendent or Administrator and submitted to my attention, at the address listed above.

To review the specific regulatory requirements please visit our website at www.mass.gov/dph/dcs and click on "Correctional Facilities" (available in both PDF and RTF formats).

To review the Food Establishment Regulations or download a copy, please visit the Food Protection website at www.mass.gov/dph/fpp and click on "Retail food". Then under DPH Regulations and FDA Code click "Merged Food Code" or "105 CMR 590.000 - State Sanitary Code Chapter X - Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments".

To review the Labeling regulations please visit the Food Protection website at www.mass.gov/dph/fpp and click on "Food Protection Program regulations". Then under Food Processing click "105 CMR 500.000: Good Manufacturing Practices for Food".

This inspection report is signed and certified under the pains and penalties of perjury.

Sincerely,

Shanene Pierce
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