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Joann Lynds, Superintendent
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(electronic copy)

Re: Plan of Correction – Northeastern Correctional Center, Concord

Dear Superintendent Lynds:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Community Sanitation Program (CSP) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection on September 29, 2022. After review, the CSP finds the plan appropriately addresses all of the violations noted in the report with the following exceptions:

1. In instances where you state, “runners have been instructed to clean weekly,” the CSP cannot accept a plan of correction that does not meet the minimum standards in regulation 105 CMR 451.123 which requires “each toilet, handwash sink, bathing facility and shower and floor, and the surrounding area shall be cleaned daily with hot water and an effective detergent disinfectant and kept in repair.” Please indicate if these areas are cleaned daily as required.
2. Please provide the corrective action taken and estimated date of completion for the following unaddressed violations:
 - a. Water fountain out-of-order in East Up Hallway in Gralton Hall; and
 - b. Door not rodent and weathertight in West Down Hallway in Gralton Hall.
3. Please provide an estimated date of completion for the following violations:
 - a. Drain cover missing in East Down Janitor’s Closet in Gralton Hall;
 - b. Screen damaged in cell # 45 in East Down (26-49) in Farm Dorm;
 - c. Screen missing in Classroom/Medication Room on 2nd Floor in Farm Dorm;
 - d. Screen missing in CRA Office # 6-3-2 on 2nd Floor in Farm Dorm;
 - e. Ceiling unfinished and damaged in Lobby in Visiting/Recreational Center/Gym;
 - f. Partition rusted in Inmate Bathroom in Visiting/Recreational Center/Gym;
 - g. Ceiling water damaged in Hallway in Cow Barn; and
 - h. Roof leak in Property Storage in Cow Barn.
4. Your plan of correction did not provide a timeframe for obtaining an occupancy permit. The CSP remains concerned and requests to be apprised of subsequent inspections and issuance of the occupancy permit.
5. Your Plan of Correction (POC) does not provide a date of completion for work which requires Division of Resource Management (DRM) funding, for the ceiling severely water damaged in the Electrical Room in Gralton Hall Basement. While the CSP understands you do not have control over DRM’s allotment of funds, we cannot approve any item that does not identify a reasonable time frame for repair. In addition, we ask to be kept apprised of the DRM funding progress.

6. 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,



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