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Joann Lynds, Superintendent
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Re: Plan of Correction – MCI 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 October 19 and 20, 2022. After review, the CSP finds the plan appropriately addresses all of the violations noted in the report with the following exceptions:

1. Your Plan of Correction (POC) states that the damaged floor in the Food Service Area and Mechanical Warewashing Room is receiving quotes for repairs and awaiting approval for capital funding. 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 damaged floor in the Food Service Area and Mechanical Warewashing Room 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. While the CSP understands roof leaks will be repaired as they are detected. We cannot accept a plan of correction without an anticipated date of repair for leaking ceilings:
 - a. Near the vent in Control in A Building;
 - b. Over the Control Area in D Building;
 - c. In Classroom # 318 in H Building;
 - d. Outside the Back Inmate Bathroom and Entrance to the Weld Shop in I Building;
 - e. In cell # 35 and 36 on the Third Tier of Unit J-6;
 - f. 2nd Floor in Laundry; and
 - g. In the Dry Goods Storage Room in the Store House.
3. Please provide an estimated date of repair for:
 - a. The blocked vent in cell # 42 and 43 on the Third Tier of Unit J-3;
 - b. Ceiling paint damaged in cell # 30 on the Second Tier of Unit J-5;
 - c. Leaking ceiling windows in the Protestant, Catholic and Islamic Chapel in K Building;
 - d. No hot water supplied to handwash sink in the Male Bathroom in the Store House;
 - e. Low hot water temperature and no cold water supplied to the handwash sink in the Staff Bathroom in the Store House;
 - f. Ceiling paint damaged in the Dry Goods Storage Room in the Store House;

- g. Leaking sky lights in the Dry Goods Storage Room; and
 - h. Broken window in Tower # 3.
4. 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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Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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