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Joann Lynds, Superintendent
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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 dated December 8, 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 several projects are 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:
 - a. Water fountain out-of-order in East Up Hallway 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 the 2nd Floor in Farm Dorm;
 - d. Screen missing in CRA Office # 6-3-2 on the 2nd Floor in Farm Dorm;
 - e. Partition rusted in Inmate Bathroom in Visiting/Recreational Center/Gym; and
 - f. Severely water damaged ceiling in the Electrical Room in Gralton Hall.

The CSP 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. The CSP appreciates the corrective action and completion date for the showers in the Farm Dorm. In addition, the CSP requests to be apprised of the issuance of an occupancy permit for the Farm Dorm.
3. 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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