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Kevin F. Coppinger, Sheriff
Essex County Sheriff's Department Headquarters
20 Manning Avenue
Middleton, MA 01929 (electronic copy)

Re: Facility Inspection – Essex County Correctional Alternative Center, Lawrence

Dear Sheriff Coppinger:

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: Minimum Requirements for the Management of 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 Essex County Correctional Alternative Center on February 8, 2023 accompanied by Sean Gallagher, Director of Operations. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 14 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)

Main Building

Nurse's Office

105 CMR 480.425(A)

Tracking Medical or Biological Waste for Treatment: Generator did not confirm the shipment was received by the treatment facility within 30 days on an approved tracking form

Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Nurse's Bathroom

105 CMR 451.126

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 95°F at handwash sink

Lobby

No Violations Noted

Control Room

No Violations Noted

Shift Commander's Office

No Violations Noted

Bathroom (near Shift Commander Office)

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Cover missing on electrical outlet above handwash sink

Hallway

No Violations Noted

Staff Break Room

105 CMR 451.126*

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 100°F at handwash sink

Second Floor Lobby

Deputy of Maintenance Office

No Violations Noted

Male Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Assistant Superintendents Office

No Violations Noted

Superintendent's Office

No Violations Noted

Conference Room

No Violations Noted

Female Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Director of Programming Office

No Violations Noted

South Side 1st Floor

Attorney Rooms

No Violations Noted

Work Release Waiting Area

No Violations Noted

Work Release Office

No Violations Noted

Bracelet Office

No Violations Noted

Records Office

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged

Reintegration Office

No Violations Noted

Temporary Property Storage

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Female Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Male Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Offices

No Violations Noted

Intake Area

Urine Lab

No Violations Noted

Shake Down Rooms

No Violations Noted

South Side 2nd Floor

Hallway

No Violations Noted

Room # S201

No Violations Noted

Room # S202

No Violations Noted

Room # S203

No Violations Noted

Room # S204

No Violations Noted

Room # S205

No Violations Noted

Room # S206

No Violations Noted

Room # S207

No Violations Noted

Room # S208

No Violations Noted

Bathroom

105 CMR 451.126*

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 90°F at handwash sink

Room # S209

No Violations Noted

Room # S210

No Violations Noted

Room # S211

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling cracked

Storage Room

No Violations Noted

South Side 3rd Floor

Hallway

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Lieutenant's Office

No Violations Noted

Investigator's Office

No Violations Noted

Hallway

No Violations Noted

Room # S301

No Violations Noted

Room # S302

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Window does not open and close properly

Property Room

No Violations Noted

Room # S303

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Light fixture cover damaged

Room # S304

No Violations Noted

Room # S305

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom

105 CMR 451.126*

105 CMR 451.123*

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 90°F at handwash sink
Maintenance: Wall tiles missing near toilet

North Side 1st Floor

Dining Room

No Violations Noted

Ice Machine

No Violations Noted

Tray Room

FC 4-501.114(A)*

Maintenance and Operation; Equipment: Chlorine Sanitizer solution tested lower than recommended concentration

FC 5-501.16(C)

Refuse, Recyclables, and Returnables; Numbers and Capacities: No conveniently located waste receptacle at handwashing sink

FC 6-301.12

Numbers and Capacity; Handwashing Facilities: No hand drying method available at handwashing sink

FC 4-501.11(A)

Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, warewashing machine door leaking

Male Visitor's Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Female Visitor's Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Kitchen

Back Serving Area

No Violations Noted

Refrigerators

No Violations Noted

Serving/Prep Tables

No Violations Noted

Office

No Violations Noted

Dry Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Chemical Closet

No Violations Noted

Freezer (F2)

FC 4-501.11(B)*

Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment components not maintained in a state of good repair, freezer gaskets dirty

Walk-in Refrigerator and Freezer (same unit)

No Violations Noted

Main Kitchen Area

Office

No Violations Noted

Prep Tables

No Violations Noted

Loading Dock

No Violations Noted

2-Compartment Sink (Left)

No Violations Noted

2-Compartment Sink (Center)

No Violations Noted

2-Compartment Sink (Right)

FC 4-501.11(B) Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment components not maintained in a state of good repair, caulking damaged on interior seams of sink

Steamer

No Violations Noted

Ovens and Hoods

No Violations Noted

Kettles

No Violations Noted

Slop Sink

No Violations Noted

Ice Machine

No Violations Noted

North Side 2nd Floor

Counselor's Office

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123* Maintenance: Sink basin not secured to countertop at handwash sink # 4 and 5

Hallway (Next to Barber Shop)

No Violations Noted

Storage Room (Next to Barber Shop)

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Barber Shop

No Violations Noted

Room # N201

No Violations Noted

Room # N202

No Violations Noted

Room # N203

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Hole in ceiling tile

Room # N204

No Violations Noted

Room # N205

No Violations Noted

Room # N206

No Violations Noted

Room # N207

No Violations Noted

Room # N209

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged near light switch

Room # N210 (Left)

No Violations Noted

Room # N210 (Right)

No Violations Noted

North Side 3rd Floor (Unoccupied)

Unable to Inspect – Closed

Basement

Laundry

No Violations Noted

Tunnel near Laundry

No Violations Noted

Maintenance Cage

Maintenance Storage

No Violations Noted

Maintenance Area

No Violations Noted

Maintenance Office

No Violations Noted

Maintenance Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Chemical Room

No Violations Noted

Main Bathroom

Toilets and Handwash Sinks

No Violations Noted

Main Shower

Unable to Inspect – In Use

Slop Sink

No Violations Noted

Print Shop (off of Gym)

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Ceiling tiles damaged in hallway near exit door

Toilets and Handwash Sinks

Unable to Inspect – Not Used

Officer's Weight Room

No Violations Noted

Female Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Male Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Gym

No Violations Noted

Barbershop (off of Gym)

Unable to Inspect – Closed

Hallway

No Violations Noted

Male Bathroom # 105

No Violations Noted

Female Bathroom # 106

No Violations Noted

Offices

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Janitorial Closet

No Violations Noted

Garage

No Violations Noted

Anti-Graffiti Garage

No Violations Noted

Back Building*Classroom*

No Violations Noted

Office Area

No Violations Noted

Living Area (Unoccupied)

Unable to Inspect – Closed

Annex Building (Unoccupied)**First Floor***Dorm # 1*

No Violations Noted

Library (Old Dorm # 2)

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Visiting Room/Auditorium

No Violations Noted

Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Handicapped Bathroom w/Shower

No Violations Noted

Second Floor

Resource Room # 3

No Violations Noted

Dorm # 4

No Violations Noted

Office

No Violations Noted

Basement

C-Tech Classroom

No Violations Noted

Old Library/GED Room

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

Inmate Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Slop Sink

No Violations Noted

Inmate Shower Room

No Violations Noted

Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 98 at the time of inspection.

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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Shanene Pierce". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Shanene Pierce

Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH