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David H. Tuttle, Superintendent
Worcester County House of Corrections and Jail
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Re: Plan of Correction – Worcester County House of Corrections and Jail, West Boylston

Dear Superintendent Tuttle:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Community Sanitation Program (CSP) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection on April 5 and 6, 2023. After review, the CSP finds the plan appropriately addresses all of the violations noted in the report with the following exceptions:

1. In regard 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.
2. Please provide an estimated date of repair for:
 - a. The dirty floor in the Control Bathroom in MAXI B; and
 - b. The dusty ceiling vent in the Left Corridor Showers in Work Release.
3. Your Plan of Correction (POC) does not provide a date of completion for work which requires DCAMM funding. While the CSP understands you do not have control over DCAMM's allotment of funds, we cannot approve any item that does not identify a reasonable time frame for repair. The CSP remains concerned with the uncorrected violations and asks you to 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 DCAMM funding progress.

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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