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To: Shawn Jenkins, Commissioner, Department of Corrections (electronic copy)
Kathleen E. Walsh, Secretary, Executive Office of Health and Human Services (electronic copy)
Clerk, Massachusetts House of Representatives (electronic copy)
Clerk, Massachusetts Senate (electronic copy)
Andrew Mitzan, Environmental Health and Safety Officer (electronic copy)

Greetings,

Pursuant to 105 CMR 451.403, please find the inspection report for Bristol County Women's Center, the Plan of Correction (POC) from the facility and the POC acceptance letter from the Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS).

Sincerely,

Patrick Wallace
Environmental Health Inspector, EHRS, BCEH

Cc: Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD, Commissioner, DPH (electronic copy)
Terrence Reidy, Secretary, Executive Office of Public Safety and Security (electronic copy)
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March 17, 2025

Paul Heroux, Sheriff
Bristol County Sheriff's Office
Dartmouth Women's Center
400 Faunce Corner Road
North Dartmouth, MA 02747 (electronic copy)

Re: Facility Inspection – Dartmouth Women's Center, North Dartmouth

Dear Sheriff Heroux:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) conducted an inspection of the Dartmouth Women's Center on February 26, 2025, accompanied by Michael Moreira, Fire Safety/Environmental Health and Safety Officer and Officer Justin Samanica, in accordance with Department regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities.

The inspection identified 17 total deficiencies: 1 deficiency under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series), 6 repeat deficiencies under the Required Standards, 1 deficiency under the Recommended Standards (.300 series), and 9 repeat deficiencies under the Recommended Standards.

Overview

Section 1 provides details of all deficiencies, including repeat deficiencies, found during the inspection. These are categorized by Required Standards, Recommended Standards, or additional applicable regulatory standards.

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Section 5 outlines observations and recommendations related to the inspection.

SECTION 1: Health and Safety Deficiencies

Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)

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SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance

EHRS inspected 18 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance.

Section 3: Areas EHRS did not inspect

EHRS inspected all areas of the facility.

SECTION 4: Plan of Correction

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. The Plan of Correction must include:

1. Specific corrective steps to be taken
2. A timetable for the corrective actions for larger projects
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5. The plan should be signed by the Superintendent or Administrator and submitted to my attention, at the address listed above.

SECTION 5: Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 55 at the time of inspection.

To review the specific regulatory requirements please visit our website at www.mass.gov/dph/dcs and click on "Correctional Facilities" [105 CMR 451.000](#) is available in both PDF and RTF formats. For more specific information about the food standards, you can download the merged food code, which can be found [here](#).

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This inspection report is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

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PAUL HEROUX
SHERIFF

March 20, 2025

Department of Public Safety

Division of Community Sanitation, c/o Mr. Patrick Wallace, EHRS, BCEH

5 Randolph St

Canton MA 02021

Dear Mr. Wallace,

Attached, please find the response from the Bristol County Sheriff's Office for the February 26th, 2025 DPH inspection of the Women's Center at the Dartmouth Complex located on 400 Faunce Corner Road in Dartmouth.

Please be aware that the Bristol County Sheriff's Office is committed to ongoing improvements within this facility and is attempting to correct or has already corrected all areas of non-compliance.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 508-995-6400 ext. 2831 or MichaelMoreira@BCSO-MA.Org.

Respectfully,

Michael E. Moreira
Environmental Health and Safety

Paul Heroux
Sheriff of Bristol County



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Re: Plan of Correction – Dartmouth Women's Center, North Dartmouth

Dear Sheriff Heroux:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) has received your Plan of Correction in response to my inspection on February 26, 2025. After review, the EHRS finds the plan appropriately addresses all the deficiencies noted in the report with the following exception:

1. In regards to the issue of overcrowding, EHRS 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,

Patrick Wallace
Environmental Health Inspector, EHRS, BCEH

cc: Joseph Oliver III, Superintendent
Andrew Mitzan, Lieutenant, EHSO

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