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David H. Tuttle, Superintendent
Worcester County House of Corrections and Jail
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West Boylston, MA 01583

(electronic copy)

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 October 25 and 28, 2019. After review, the CSP finds the plan appropriately addresses all of the violations noted in the report with the following exceptions:

1. Please indicate if cold water has been supplied to:
 - a. The handwash sink in the Deignan Building Control Booth Bathroom;
 - b. Sink/toilet unit # 1 in the Annex; and
 - c. Handwash sink # 2 in the Work Release Left Corridor Inmate Bathroom.
2. Please indicate if hot water has been supplied to:
 - a. Inmate Bathroom # 104 in the Modular Gym;
 - b. Inmate Bathroom # 244 in the Modular Infirmary;
 - c. 1st Floor Inmate Bathroom in the VOC Laundry; and
 - d. Cell # 275 in J Building.
3. In instances where you state February 28, 2019 as an estimated date of completion, please provide a correct estimated date of completion.
4. While the CSP appreciates the financial limitations of correctional facilities, an estimated date of completion of November 8, 2020 appears excessive, the CSP would like these violations corrected within a shorter time frame.
5. 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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