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Thomas Bowler, Sheriff
Berkshire County Jail and House of Correction
467 Cheshire Road
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Re: Facility Inspection - Berkshire County Jail and House of Correction, Pittsfield

Dear Sheriff Bowler:

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: Storage and Disposal of Infectious or Physically Dangerous 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 1999 Food Code; 105 CMR 520.000 Labeling; and 105 CMR 205.000 Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and the Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities; I conducted an inspection of the Berkshire County Jail and House of Correction on November 10, 2017 accompanied by Captain Shelby Williamson and Captain Robert Mckluskey. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 85 repeat violations:

HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS

(indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)*

FRONT ENTRY

Female Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123* Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Male Bathroom

No Violations Noted

ADMINISTRATION (OUTSIDE)

Female Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Male Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Break Room

105 CMR 451.200 Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty

STAFF GYM

No Violations Noted

Break Area

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Female Locker Room

No Violations Noted

Male Locker Room

No Violations Noted

INTAKE/BOOKING*Female Search Room # 1*

No Violations Noted

Male Search Room # 2

No Violations Noted

Male Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Female Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Medical Screening Room

No Violations Noted

Records

No Violations Noted

Urinalysis Lab

No Violations Noted

Storage Room # BR18

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet # BR20

No Violations Noted

Transportation Room

No Violations Noted

Sally Port

No Violations Noted

Mental Health Interview Room

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom

No Violations Noted

PROPERTY

No Violations Noted

Office

No Violations Noted

A-POD*Triage Office*

No Violations Noted

Counselor's Office

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Lower Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Lower Showers # 1-3

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Caulking damaged in shower # 1 and 2

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower # 1-3, floor finish damaged

Upper Showers # 4-7

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 6 and 7

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 7

Upper Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Sub Day Room

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Shower

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower, floor surface cracked

A and B POD CONTROL

No Violations Noted

Control Bathroom

No Violations Noted

B-POD

Offices

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Recreation Deck

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Lower Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Lower Showers # 1-3

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 2

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 1

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower # 1-3, floor finish damaged

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Wall not easily cleanable in shower # 1, wall tile damaged

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Caulking damaged in shower # 2 and 3

Upper Showers # 4-7

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 5

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 4, 6, and 7

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 7

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower # 4-7, floor finish damaged

Upper Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Sub Day Room

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Shower

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower

C-POD

Triage Office

No Violations Noted

Offices

No Violations Noted

<i>Staff Bathroom</i> 105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 104 ⁰ F at handwash sink
<i>Recreation Deck</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Cells</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Lower Janitor's Closet</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage Closet</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Lower Showers # 1-3</i> 105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower # 1-3, floor finish damaged
<i>Upper Showers # 4-7</i> 105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 4, 5, and 6
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 4, 5, and 6
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower # 7, floor finish damaged
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower # 4, 5, and 6, floor finish damaged
<i>Upper Janitor's Closet</i>	No Violations Noted
Sub Day Room	No Violations Noted
<i>Cells</i> 105 CMR 451.140	Adequate Ventilation: Inadequate ventilation, wall vent blocked in cell # C-102
<i>Shower</i> 105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 83 ⁰ F in shower
<u>D-POD</u>	
<i>Offices</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Staff Bathroom</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Recreation Deck</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Cells</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Lower Janitor's Closet</i> 105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket
<i>Storage Closet</i>	No Violations Noted

Lower Showers # 1-3
105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower # 1-3, floor finish damaged

Upper Showers # 4-7
105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower # 4-7, floor finish damaged

Upper Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Sub Day Room

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Shower
105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.130

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower, floor finish damaged
Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower fixture damaged

E-POD

Triage Office

No Violations Noted

Offices

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Recreation Deck

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Lower Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Lower Showers # 1-3
105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower # 1-3, floor finish damaged

Upper Showers # 4-7
105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 4, 5, and 6
Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 5
Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower # 4-7, floor finish damaged
Maintenance: Wall tile damaged in shower # 7
Maintenance: Ceiling vent rusted in shower # 7

Upper Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Sub Day Room

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Shower

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower, floor finish damaged

F-POD

Unable to Inspect – Not in Use

G-POD*Triage Room*

No Violations Noted

Office

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Recreation Deck

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Lower Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Lower Showers # 1-3

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 2

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 2

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower # 1-3, floor finish damaged

Upper Showers # 4-7

105 CMR 451.123

Shower # 4 and 6 not inspected – In Use

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 5

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 7

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower # 5 and 7, floor finish damaged

Upper Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Sub Day Room

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Shower

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOMS (Outside G and H PODS)

No Violations Noted

H-POD

Triage Room

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Recreation Deck

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Lower Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Lower Showers # 1-3

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1-3

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 2

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 3

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower # 1-3, floor finish damaged

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Wall tile damaged in shower # 3

Upper Showers # 4-7

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 4-7

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 7

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 5 and 6

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower # 4, 5, and 6, floor finish damaged

Upper Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Sub Day Room

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Shower

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower, floor finish damaged

GYM

No Violations Noted

Weight Room

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Padding damaged on leg lift machine

Office # RE07

No Violations Noted

Storage # RE05

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet # RE04

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom # RE03

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom # RE02

No Violations Noted

J-POD

Cells

No Violations Noted

Shower

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower, floor finish damaged

COMMISSARY

No Violations Noted

KITCHEN HALLWAY

Female Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Male Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Cert Room # FS02

No Violations Noted

KITCHEN

Handwash Sink

105 CMR 451.126

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 139⁰F

Cart Room

No Violations Noted

Dry Storage

No Violations Noted

Walk-in-Cooler

No Violations Noted

Walk-in-Freezer

No Violations Noted

Produce Cooler

No Violations Noted

Office

No Violations Noted

Bakery

No Violations Noted

<i>Hobart Coolers</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Worker's Changing Room</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Worker's Bathroom # FS09 (located in changing room)</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Reach-in-Freezer</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Inmate Bathroom # FS07</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage Closet # FS06</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Worker's Serving Line</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Dishwashing Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Worker's Dining Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Ice Machine</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Chemical Storage</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Staff Dining Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<u>LAUNDRY</u>	No Violations Noted
<i>Bathroom # LA02</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage Closet # LA03</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Office # LA04</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Maintenance Closet # LA05</i>	No Violations Noted
<u>VOCATIONAL EDUCATION</u>	
<i>Carpentry Shop</i>	No Violations Noted

Maintenance Shop

No Violations Noted

Graphic Arts

No Violations Noted

IT Office

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Maintenance Area # MA01A

Chemical Closet # MA02

105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Trash Room # MA09

No Violations Noted

Dumpster Area

No Violations Noted

Office Area

No Violations Noted

Bathroom # MA05

No Violations Noted

Bathroom # MA06

105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Supply Closet # MA07

No Violations Noted

Education Area

Classrooms

No Violations Noted

Library

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom

No Violations Noted

HUMAN SERVICES

Staff Bathroom # HS10

No Violations Noted

Break Room # HS13
105 CMR 451.200

Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with
105 CMR 590.000, refrigerator temperature recorded at 46⁰F

MEDICAL

Medical Storage # MS07

No Violations Noted

Medical Waste Storage # MS06

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet # MS05

No Violations Noted

Dental

Dental Office

No Violations Noted

Exam Room # 1

No Violations Noted

Exam Room # 2

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom # MS04

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Inmate Waiting Area

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom

No Violations Noted

VISITING AREA

No Violations Noted

Strip Search Room

No Violations Noted

Non-Contact Visiting

No Violations Noted

CENTRAL CONTROL

No Violations Noted

Control Bathroom
105 CMR 451.126

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 142⁰F

Key Room

No Violations Noted

WAREHOUSE

No Violations Noted

Office

No Violations Noted

Walk-in-Cooler

No Violations Noted

Walk-in-Freezer

No Violations Noted

Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Storage Room

No Violations Noted

Vehicle Maintenance Garage

No Violations Noted

Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 238 at the time of inspection.
2. At the time of the inspection the medical waste shipping log was being kept in the medical waste storage room.

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 please visit the Food Protection website at www.mass.gov/dph/fpp and click on "Food Protection Regulations". Then under "Retail" click "105 CMR 590.000 - State Sanitary Code Chapter X – Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments" and "[1999 Food Code](#)".

To review the Labeling regulations please visit the Food Protection website at www.mass.gov/dph/fpp and click on "Food Protection Regulations". Then under "General Food Regulations" click "105 CMR 520.000: Labeling."

This inspection report is signed and certified under the pains and penalties of perjury.

Sincerely,



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cc: Jana Ferguson, Director, BEH
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