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November 1, 2013

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

Re: Facility Inspection - Berkshire County Jail and House of Corrections, 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; 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 Corrections on October 9, 2013 accompanied by Ron Snyder, Compliance Officer. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below:

HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS

(* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

Front Entry

Female Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Male Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Kitchen

FC 4-903.11(B)(1)

Protection of Clean Items, Storing: Food trays not stored in the inverted position

FC 4-903.11(A)(2)

Protection of Clean Items, Storing: Single-service items not protected from contamination, items left uncovered

FC 4-204-113(A)

Design and Construction, Functionality: Warewashing machine not operable

FC 4-601.11(C)

Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Non-food contact surface dirty, tray holder dirty

Dining Room No Violations Noted

Staff dining

No Violations Noted

Visitation Area

No Violations Noted

Laundry

No Violations Noted

Medical

No Violations Noted

Medical Suite

No Violations Noted

Commissary

No Violations Noted

Booking

No Violations Noted

Recreational Area

No Violations Noted

Transportation Room

No Violations Noted

A Pod

Cells

No Violations Noted

Day Room

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling stained in common area

Showers

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Shower stalls # 1 and 6 dirty

B Pod

Unable to inspect – Lock down search

C Pod

Unable to inspect – Lock down search

D Pod

Not in Use – Not Inspected

E Pod

Cells

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Air vents rusted in cell # 101, 103, 105, 106, 107, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 117, 204, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 214, 215, 216, 217 and 218

Showers

No Violations Noted

F Pod

Cells

105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Air vents rusted in cell # 107, 108, 109, 110, 112, 116, 203, 205 and 208
105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Air vents rusted in cell # 102, 105, 111, 113, 114, 115, 117, 118, 209, 210, 214 and 215
105 CMR 451.101 Blankets: Blankets damaged in cell # 204 and 217

Shower

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: All shower stalls dirty

G Pod

Cells

105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Air vents rusted in cell # 112
105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Air vents rusted in cell # 106 and 113

Shower

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: All shower stalls dirty

Day Room

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Chair cracked

Sub-Day Room

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Chair cracked

H Pod

Cells

105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Air vents rusted in cell # 116, 117, 201, 204 and 208
105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Air vent rusted in cell # 103, 104, 105, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 118, 206, 207, 209, 210, 213, 214, 215, 216 and 218

Day Room

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Chair cracked

Shower

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: All shower stalls dirty

Warehouse

No Violations Noted

Observations and Recommendations

- 1 The inmate population was 287 at the time of inspection.
- 2 The Department recommends numbering showers.

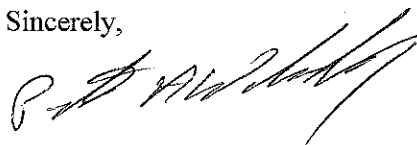
This facility does not comply with the Department's Regulations cited above. In accordance with 105 CMR 451.404, please indicate next to each entry on the inspection report a plan of correction. Said plan of correction must be submitted within ten working days of receiving this report and should detail the specific steps that will be taken and the date of expected compliance. The plan of correction should be 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 "Community Sanitation Regulations" (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".

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

Sincerely,



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