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November 5, 2012

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

Re: Facility Inspection

Dear Sheriff Bowler:

In accordance with M.G.L. c. 111, §§ 5, 20, and 21, and Department of Public Health 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 November 2, 2012 accompanied by Officer Ron Snyder, Lieutenant Katherine Sonsini, Compliance Officer and Peter Wheeler of the Community Sanitation Program. Violations noted are listed below (* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports).

Front Entry

Female Bathroom

105 CMR 451.126

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 70⁰F

Male Bathroom

105 CMR 451.110(A)

Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No soap at handwash sink

Kitchen

Dinning Room# 1

105 CMR 451.126

105 CMR 451.123

FC 3-304.12(A)

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 105⁰F

Maintenance: Fan grounding outlet missing

Preventing Contamination from Utensils: Scoop not stored properly for Oats, Salt & Flour

Visitation area

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Vent dusty

Laundry

No Violations Noted

Medical

No Violations Noted

Medical Suite

No Violations Noted

Commissary

No Violations Noted

Recreational Area

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Seats damaged on sit-up bench, bike seat and bench press seat

Transportation Room

105 CMR 451.350

Structural Maintenance: Carpeting ripped

A Pod

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling stained in common area

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor tile damaged near shower # 2

105 CMR 451.103

Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell #108 and 214

Showers

No Violations Noted

B Pod

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Rusted air vents in cell # 106, 108, 110, 111, 112, 113, 115 and 204

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Rusted air vents in cell # 203 and 213

Showers

No Violations Noted

C Pod

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Rusted air vents in cell # 114 and 115

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Rusted air vents in cell # 209, 214, and 217

Showers

No Violations Noted

D Pod

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Rusted air vents in cell # 108, 114, 206 and 216

Showers

No Violations Noted

E Pod

105 CMR 451.126

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 106⁰F in staff bathroom

Showers

No Violations Noted

F POD

Cells

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Rusted air vents in cell # 107, 108, 112, 116, 205 and 208

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Rusted air vents in cell # 109, 110, and 203

Shower

No Violations Noted

G POD

Cells

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Rusted air vents in cell # 112

Shower

Unable to Inspect-In Use

H POD

Cells

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Rusted air vents in cell # 116, 117, 204 and 208

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Rusted air vents in cell # 201

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Vent blocked in cell # 107, 202 and 205

WAREHOUSE

No Violations Noted

Observations and Recommendations

- The inmate population was 273 at the time of inspection
- Recommend numbering showers for reference
- Pod D was not active

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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