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February 11, 2022

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

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 2013 Food Code; 105 CMR 500.000 Good Manufacturing Practices for Food; and 105 CMR 205.000 Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and the Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities; the Department's Community Sanitation Program (CSP) conducted an inspection of the Berkshire County Jail and House of Correction on February 9, 2022 accompanied by Danielle Tyer, Compliance and Training Supervisor; Captain Robert McCluskey; Captain Thomas Morton; and Allen Cetti, Fire and Safety Officer. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 54 repeat violations:

Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Scott Koczela
Environmental Analyst, CSP, BEH

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HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS

(* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

FRONT ENTRY

Lobby
No Violations Noted

Mail Room
No Violations Noted

Female Bathroom
No Violations Noted

Male Bathroom
No Violations Noted

ADMINISTRATION (OUTSIDE)

Female Staff Bathroom
No Violations Noted

Male Staff Bathroom
No Violations Noted

Break Room
No Violations Noted

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

<i>Cells</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Medical Screening Room</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Records</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Urinalysis Lab</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage Room # BR18</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Janitor's Closet # BR20</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Transportation Room</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Sally Port</i>	No Violations Noted

Mental Health Interview Room	No Violations Noted
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<i>Inmate Bathroom</i>	No Violations Noted
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<u>PROPERTY</u>	No Violations Noted
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<i>Office</i>	No Violations Noted
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HOUSING

A-POD

<i>Triage Office</i>	No Violations Noted
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<i>Counselor's Office</i>	No Violations Noted
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<i>Recreation Deck</i>	No Violations Noted
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<i>Cells</i> 105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # A105, A117, A215, and A218
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<i>Lower Janitor's Closet</i>	No Violations Noted
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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

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 2 and 3

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 1

105 CMR 451.123

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

Upper Showers # 4-7

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 4, 5, and 7

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 4 and 5

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 4-7

Upper Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Sub Day Room

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Shower

No Violations Noted

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

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # B206 and B210

Lower Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Lower Showers # 1-3
105 CMR 451.123
105 CMR 451.123
105 CMR 451.123
105 CMR 451.123*

Unable to Inspect Shower # 2 – In Use
Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 1 and 3
Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower #1
Maintenance: Mold observed on walls in shower # 3
Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower # 1 and 3, floor finish damaged

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

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower # 4-7, floor finish damaged
Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 5 and 6
Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 4

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

C-POD

Triage Office

No Violations Noted

Offices

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom
105 CMR 451.123
105 CMR 451.126

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty
Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 104⁰F at handwash sink

Recreation Deck

No Violations Noted

Cells
105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # C107

Lower Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Lower Showers # 1-3
105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower # 1-3, floor finish damaged
Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 2 and 3

Upper Showers # 4-7

105 CMR 451.130

105 CMR 451.123

105 CMR 451.123*

105 CMR 451.123

105 CMR 451.123*

105 CMR 451.123

105 CMR 451.123

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 6 out-of-order

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 4

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 5

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 7

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower # 4, 5, and 7, floor finish damaged

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 4, 5, and 7

Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 5

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

D-POD

Offices

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

105 CMR 451.126*

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 100°F at handwash sink

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*

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 7

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 451.130

105 CMR 451.123*

Hot Water: Shower water temperature recorded at 91°F

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

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: Floor not easily cleanable in shower, floor finish damaged

F-POD

Triage Office

No Violations Noted

Offices

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

<i>Recreation Deck</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Cells</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Lower Janitor's Closet</i>	Unable to Inspect - Locked
<i>Storage Closet</i>	Unable to Inspect - Locked
<i>Lower Showers # 1-3</i>	
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower # 1-3, floor finish damaged
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 1-3
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1-3
<i>Upper Showers # 4-7</i>	
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower # 4-7, floor finish damaged
<i>Upper Janitor's Closet</i>	Unable to Inspect - Locked
Sub Day Room	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Cells</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower</i>	
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable in shower, floor finish damaged
<u>G-POD</u>	
<i>Triage Room</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Office</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>	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage Closet</i>	No Violations Noted

Lower Showers # 1-3

105 CMR 451.123

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1

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*

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 5

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 4 and 6

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 6

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

No Violations Noted

MULTI-PURPOSE ROOMS (Outside G and H PODS)

No Violations Noted

GYM

No Violations Noted

Weight Room

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Padding damaged on several machines

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

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

The following Food Code violations listed in **BOLD** were observed to be corrected on-site.

Handwash Sink

105 CMR 451.126*

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 102°F at handwash sink

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

Hobart Coolers

No Violations Noted

Hoods

No Violations Noted

Handwash Sink

No Violations Noted

Worker's Changing Room

FC 6-501.16

**Maintenance and Operation: Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures -
Methods; Wet mop stored in bucket**

Worker's Bathroom # FS09 (located in changing room)

No Violations Noted

Reach-in-Freezer

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom # FS07

No Violations Noted

Storage Closet # FS06

No Violations Noted

<i>Worker's Serving Line</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Dishwashing Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Handwash Sink</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
Staff Dining Area	No Violations Noted
<i>Serving Line</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Handwash Sink</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
<i>Maintenance Shop</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Graphic Arts</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>IT Office</i>	No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

105 CMR 451.126*

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 99⁰F at handwash sink

Inmate Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Maintenance Area # MA01A

Chemical Closet # MA02

No Violations Noted

Trash Room # MA09

No Violations Noted

Dumpster Area

No Violations Noted

Office Area

No Violations Noted

Bathroom # MA05

No Violations Noted

Bathroom # MA06

No Violations Noted

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

No Violations Noted

MEDICAL

Medical Storage # MS07

No Violations Noted

Medical Waste Storage/Records # MS06

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet # MS05

No Violations Noted

Dental

Dental Office # MS12

No Violations Noted

Exam Room # 1

No Violations Noted

Exam Room # 2

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom # MS04

No Violations Noted

Tub Room

No Violations Noted

Inmate Waiting Area

No Violations Noted

Storage (former 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

No Violations Noted

Key Room

Unable to Inspect – Locked

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 131 at the time of inspection.
2. Hot water temperature range for handwash sinks is 110°F-130°F.
3. Hot water temperature range for showers is 100°F-112°F.
4. At the time of the inspection Housing Pod-F was not occupied.
5. The CSP recommends relocating or installing a new warewash machine data plate near the machine's mechanical temperature gauges to more easily monitor its performance.

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 or download a copy, please visit the Food Protection website at www.mass.gov/dph/fpp and click on "Retail food". Then under DPH Regulations and FDA Code click "Merged Food Code" or "105 CMR 590.000 - State Sanitary Code Chapter X - Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments".

To review the Labeling regulations please visit the Food Protection website at www.mass.gov/dph/fpp and click on "Food Protection Program regulations". Then under Food Processing click "105 CMR 500.000: Good Manufacturing Practices for Food".

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

Sincerely,



Scott Koczela
Environmental Analyst, CSP, BEH