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May 10, 2010

Carmen C. Massimiano, Sheriff
Berkshire County Jail and House of Corrections
467 Cheshire Road
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Re: Facility Inspection

Dear Sheriff Massimiano:

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 May 5, 2010 accompanied by Lieutenant Katherine Sonsisi, Compliance Officer. Violations noted are listed below (* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports).

KITCHEN

FC 6-501.12 Cleaning: Debris on dry storage floor

LAUNDRY

No Violations Noted

MEDICAL

No Violations Noted

MEDICAL SUITE

No Violations Noted

COMMISSARY

No Violations Noted

A POD

Cells

105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Blocked air vents in cell #, 107, 113 and 218
105 CMR 451.102	Pillows and Linens: Pillow damaged in cell # 107
105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall dirty in cell # 218

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Floor damaged, top tier

Showers

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Shower dirty

B POD

Day Room

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Missing floor tile by cell # 107

Showers

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Shower has a slice in the concrete collecting water

Cells

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Wall damaged in cell # 210

C POD

Showers

No Violations Noted

Cell

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Dirty wall, in cell # 108

D POD

Showers

No Violations Noted

Cells

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Blocked air vents in, cell # 111

E POD

Showers

No Violations Noted

Cells

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Wall cracked by cell # 211

Day Room

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Cracked chairs

F POD

Shower

No Violations Noted

Day Room

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Cracked chairs

Cells

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Debris on vent in cell # 106

G POD

No Violations Noted

H POD

Cells

105 CMR 451.101

Blankets: Blanket damaged in cell in cell # 203

WAREHOUSE

No Violations Noted

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,

Peter Wheeler
Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

cc: Suzanne K. Condon, Associate Commissioner, Director, BEH
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