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May 4, 2011

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 May 3, 2011 accompanied by Officer Ron Snyder and Lieutenant Katherine Sonsini, Compliance Officer. Violations noted are listed below (* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports).

KITCHEN

FC 4.501.11*

Good Repair: "A" line reach-in has three ripped gaskets

FC 4.501.11

Good Repair: Light bulbs not working on 2, 3 and 4 hood vents

FC 4.501.11

Good Repair: Light bulbs not working in walk-in 1

FC 3-305.11(3)

Food Storage: Food stored on 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: Walls not easily cleanable in cell # 111 and 112
105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Broken floor tile by cell # 107
105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Debris on lights in cell # 103 and 105
105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Rusted air vents in cell # 102, 103, 105, 106 and 118

Showers

No Violations Noted

B POD

Cells

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Rusted air vents in cell # 106, 108, 111, 203, 209 and 217
105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Cracked wall in cell # 117

Showers

No Violations Noted

Sub Day Room

105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Cracked chairs

C POD

Cell

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Floor drains clogged
FC 3 501.12(A) Potentially Hazardous Foods: Milk stored in cell # 206
105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Rusted air vents in cell # 205, 217 and 218

Showers

No Violations Noted

D POD

Cells

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Rusted air vents in cell # 108, 114, 206 and 216
105 CMR 451.113 Toilet and Handwash Sink: No hot water in cell # 209

Sub Day Room

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Cracked chairs

Showers

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Cracked floor tile by sub-day shower

E POD

Showers

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Day Room

No Violations Noted

F POD

Cells

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Floor drains clogged
105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Rusted air vents in cell # 107, 108, 112, 116, 205 and 208
105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall paint peeling in cell # 110

Shower

No Violations Noted

Day Room

105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Cracked chairs

G POD

Cells

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Rusted air vents in cell # 112

Shower

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Shower # 7 is out of order

Day Room

105 CMR 451.125 Drinking Water: Water fountain does not drain properly

H POD

Cells

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Rusted air vents in cell # 107, 116, 117, 204 and 208

WAREHOUSE

No Violations Noted

Observations and Recommendations

- The inmate population was 287 at the time of inspection

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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