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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 3, 2023 accompanied by Sergeant Danielle Tyer, Compliance and Training Supervisor; Captain Robert McCluskey; and Allen Cetti, Fire and Safety Officer. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 44 repeat violations:

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

Sincerely,

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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
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Female Staff Bathroom Unable to Inspect – Locked

Cells No Violations Noted

Medical Screening Room # BR10 No Violations Noted

Records No Violations Noted

Urinalysis Lab No Violations Noted

Storage Room # BR18 No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet # BR20 No Violations Noted

Transportation Room No Violations Noted

Sally Port No Violations Noted

Mental Health Interview Room No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom
105 CMR 451.110(A)* Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No soap at handwash sink

PROPERTY No Violations Noted

Office No Violations Noted

HOUSING

A-POD

Triage Office No Violations Noted

Counselor's Office 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*

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Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 1-3

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

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1

Upper Showers # 4-7

105 CMR 451.123*

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

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

105 CMR 451.126

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 105⁰F at handwash sink

Recreation Deck

No Violations Noted

Cells

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall vent blocked in cell # B204

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*

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 2

Maintenance: Mold observed on walls in shower # 1-3

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 1-3

Upper Showers # 4-7

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 6

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 5

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 6

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 5

105 CMR 451.123

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

Upper Janitor's Closet

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling and walls dirty

Sub Day Room

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

Shower

105 CMR 451.123*

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

105 CMR 451.126

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 92°F in shower

C-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, floor finish damaged in shower # 1-3

Upper Showers # 4-7

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 7

105 CMR 451.123*

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

105 CMR 451.123*

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

Upper Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Sub Day Room

No Violations Noted

<i>Cells</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower</i> 105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower
<u>D-POD</u>	
<i>Offices</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
<i>Lower Showers # 1-3</i> 105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 1-3
<i>Upper Showers # 4-7</i> 105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 4-7
<i>Upper Janitor's Closet</i>	No Violations Noted
Sub Day Room	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Cells</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shower</i> 105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower
<u>F-POD</u>	
<i>Triage Office</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Offices</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Staff Bathroom</i>	Unable to Inspect – Locked

<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, floor finish damaged in shower # 1-3
<i>Upper Showers # 4-7</i> 105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 4-7
<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, floor finish damaged in shower
<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
<i>Lower Showers # 1-3</i> 105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, floor finish damaged in shower # 1-3

Upper Showers # 4-7
105 CMR 451.123*

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

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, floor finish damaged in shower

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 incline bench

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

No Violations Noted

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

Ventilation Hoods

FC 4-501.11(B)

Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment components not maintained in a state of good repair, light out in ventilation hood

Handwash Sink

No Violations Noted

Worker's Changing Room

No Violations Noted

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

Unable to Inspect – In Use

Reach-in-Freezer

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom # FS07

No Violations Noted

Storage Closet # FS06

No Violations Noted

Worker's Serving Line

FC 3-304.12(B)

Protection from Contamination After Receiving; Preventing Contamination from Equipment, Utensils, and Linens: Utensil handle not stored above the food in the container, scoop stored inside cereal bin

<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> 105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle observed
<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
<i>Staff Bathroom</i>	No Violations Noted

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
105 CMR 480.500(B)(2)(b-d) Procedures; Records; Record-Keeping Log; Generator did not specify off-site treatment parameters, missing and inaccurate entries

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) Unable to Inspect – Locked

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

Unable to Inspect – Locked

Vehicle Maintenance Garage

Unable to Inspect – In Use

Inmate Bathroom

Unable to Inspect – In Use

Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 170 at the time of inspection.
2. Hot water temperature range for showers is 100⁰F-112⁰F.
3. Hot water temperature range for handwash sinks is 110⁰F-130⁰F.
4. At the time of the inspection Housing Pod-E and F were unoccupied.

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
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