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January 17, 2019

Thomas Neville, Superintendent

Boston Pre-Release Center

430 Canterbury Street

Roslindale, MA 02131 (electronic copy)

Re: Facility Inspection – Boston Pre-Release Center, Roslindale

Dear Superintendent Neville:

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; I conducted an inspection of Boston Pre-Release Center on January 11, 2019, accompanied by Officer Robert Casagrande. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 99 repeat violations:

**HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

(*\* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports*)

**FIRST FLOOR**

*Lobby*

 No Violations Noted

*Visitor’s Room # A1-4*

 No Violations Noted

*Female Visitor’s Bathroom # A1-5*

 No Violations Noted

*Male Visitor’s Bathroom # A1-6*

 No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet # A1-7*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

**A Wing**

*Shift Commander’s Office # A1-8*

No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Bathroom # A1-9*

No Violations Noted

*Male Staff Bathroom # A1-10*

 No Violations Noted

*Intake Holding # A1-12*

 No Violations Noted

*Property # A1-17*

 No Violations Noted

*Holding Cell # A1-18*

 No Violations Noted

*Weight Room # A1-19*

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, insufficient pressure at

 water fountain

*Male Staff Locker Room # A1-29/30*

 No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet # A1-31*

 No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Locker Room # A1-32/33*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

*Mechanical Room # A1-36 (Medical Waste Storage)*

 No Violations Noted

*Storage/Warehouse # A1-38*

 No Violations Noted

*Maintenance # A1-39*

105 CMR 451.200 Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with

 105 CMR 590.000, no functioning thermometer in refrigerator

*Office # A1-41*

 No Violations Noted

*Tool Crib #A1-10*

 No Violations Noted

**Health Service Unit**

105 CMR 480.425(A) Tracking Medical or Biological Waste for Treatment: Generator did not confirm that the shipment was received by the treatment facility within 30 days on an approved tracking form

*Bathroom # A1-23*

 No Violations Noted

*Medical Lab # A1-24*

 No Violations Noted

*Exam Room # A1-25*

No Violations Noted

*Dental Room # A1-26*

 No Violations Noted

**Food Service Area**

*Walk-in Freezer (Outside)*

FC 4-501.11(B) Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment components not maintained in a state of good repair, freezer gaskets damaged

FC 4-501.11(A) Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, excessive ice build-up observed around fans

*Bathroom*

 No Violations Noted

*Walk-in Freezer*

 No Violations Noted

*Walk-in Refrigerator*

 No Violations Noted

*Prep Table*

No Violations Noted

*Dry Storage Room # A1-46*

FC 6-501.111(B) Maintenance and Operations; Pest Control: Flies observed in storage room

*Traulsen Refrigerator*

No Violations Noted

*Office # A1-47*

 No Violations Noted

*Mechanical Warewashing Room*

 No Violations Noted

*Handwash Sink*

No Violations Noted

*Traulsen Freezer*

 No Violations Noted

*Food Service Line*

FC 4-502.13(B) Maintenance and Operation, Utensils: Bulk milk dispenser tube not cut at a diagonal

*Traulsen Warmer*

 No Violations Noted

*Rubbish Room (Chemical Storage) # A1-51*

 No Violations Noted

*Supply Room # A1-50*

 No Violations Noted

*Ice Machine*

 No Violations noted

*Grease Hood*

 No Violations Noted

*Inmate Dining Room # A1-52*

FC 6-501.11\* Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, floor damaged

*Staff Dining Room # A1-53*

FC 4-602.12(B)\* Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils; Frequency: Interior of coffee maker dirty

FC 4-204.112(A) Design and Construction, Functionality: No functioning thermometer in refrigerator

FC 4-903.11(B)(2) Protection of Clean Items, Storing: Uncovered equipment not protected from contaminations, single-service plastic utensils left uncovered

**B Wing**

*Day Room*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall fan dusty

*Bathroom # B1-31*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Toilet dirty, cigarette ash on toilet seat

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Toilet seat missing in left side handicapped stall

*Shower Room # B1-33*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on floors in shower # 1-7

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Exposed drywall in shower # 4

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 7

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling

105 CMR 451.130\* Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 4 out-of-order

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Gap between floor and wall

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Floor dirty throughout

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Mold growth observed on ceiling

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Curtain dirty in shower # 1, 2, 3, and 5

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Curtain dirty in shower # 6 and 7

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Curtain damaged in shower # 6

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Door frame damaged

*Janitor’s Closet # B1-34*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Floor damaged

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

*Laundry Room*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Baseboard damaged

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space, cells triple bunked

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # B109, and B113

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # B107

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged in cell # B105

**C Wing**

*Day Room*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Window blinds damaged

*Janitor’s Closet # C1-34*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored upside down

*Laundry Room # C1-31*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Excessive dryer lint observed behind dryers

*Bathroom # C1-32*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 1-4

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1-4

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling damaged

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Mold in shower # 3 and 4

105 CMR 451.344\* Illumination in Habitable Areas: Light not functioning properly, light out above sinks

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Light fixtures rusted

105 CMR 451.130\* Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 3 out-of-order

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Water pooling on floor outside showers

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Mold in shower # 1 and 2

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Toilet # 1 dirty, cigarette ash on toilet seat

*Cells*

 No Violations Noted

**SECOND FLOOR**

**Administrative Area**

*Office # A2-6*

No Violations Noted

*Office # A2-7*

No Violations Noted

*Office # A2-9*

 No Violations Noted

*Office # A2-10*

 No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet # A2-24*

 No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Bathroom # A2-25*

 No Violations Noted

*Male Staff Bathroom # A2-26*

 No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette*

 No Violations Noted

*IPS*

 No Violations Noted

**A Wing**

*Multi-Purpose Room # A2-2*

 No Violations Noted

*Classroom # A2-4*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

*Classroom # A2-5*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

*Work Release Offices*

 No Violations Noted

*Barber Shop # A2-11*

 No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet # A2-12*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Standing water observed in mop bucket

*Staff Bathroom # A2-34*

 No Violations Noted

*Office # A2-35*

No Violations Noted

*Storage # A2-36*

 Unable to Inspect - Locked

**B Wing**

*Day Room*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Water fountain dirty

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall fan dusty

*Office # B2-2*

 Unable to Inspect – Locked

*Hallway*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall fan dusty

*Bathroom # B2-31*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Toilet dirty in handicap stall on left side

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Urinal # 1 and 2 dirty, cigarette ash observed

*Janitor’s Closet # B2-32*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Light out

*Shower Room # B2-33*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on floors in shower # 1-7

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1-7

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on curtains in shower # 1-7

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Gap between wall and floor

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Floor dirty throughout

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged

*Laundry Room # B2-34*

 No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space, cells triple bunked

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged in cell # B205

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # B206 and B217

**C Wing**

*Computer Classroom*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged near water fountains

*Laundry Room # C2-31*

 No Violations Noted

*Bathroom # C2-32*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 1-4

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1-4

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Shower partitions rusted and corroded in shower # 1 and 2

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Wall tile damaged in shower # 3

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Light fixtures rusted

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Shower partitions rusted and corroded in shower # 3

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Wet mops stored upside down in shower # 4

*Janitor’s Closet # C2-34*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Curtain damaged in cell # C222

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Curtain damaged in cell # C224

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 119 at the time of inspection.
2. Throughout the facility, bathrooms and shower areas were observed to be poorly maintained resulting in unsanitary conditions. Specifically, the 1st floor B wing showers were in complete disrepair, including the exposure of drywall to chronic dampness in 1 unfinished shower. The Department is concerned with the increased risk of disease transmission with the high number of inmates being exposed to such unsanitary conditions.

We recommend ensuring all bathroom and shower areas are finished with smooth and easily cleanable surfaces as well as developing a higher frequency shower cleaning policy.

1. At the time of inspection, the Department recommended numbering all showers, sinks and toilets throughout the institution. This will assist the Department and Department of Correction employees to better recognize where issues exist.

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](http://www.mass.gov/dph/dcs) and click on "Correctional Facilities" (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](http://www.mass.gov/dph/fpp) and click on “Retail Food”. Then under “Regulations” click “2013 Food Code Merged with 105 CMR 590 and 2013 Food Code”

To review the Labeling regulations please visit the Food Protection website at [www.mass.gov/dph/fpp](http://www.mass.gov/dph/fpp) and click on “Food Processing”. Then under “Regulations” 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,

 

 Patrick Wallace

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