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January 19, 2018

Michael Devine, Superintendent  
Boston Pre-Release Center  
430 Canterbury Street  
Roslindale, MA 02131

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

Dear Superintendent Devine:

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 1999 Food Code; 105 CMR 520.000 Labeling; 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 8, 2018 accompanied by Sergeant Loreli Brooks and Amy Riordan, Community Sanitation Program. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 75 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*

No Violations Noted

## **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*

No Violations Noted

*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*

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, soap foaming out of drain pipe of washing machine

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle

*Maintenance # A1-39*

No Violations Noted

*Office # A1-41*

No Violations Noted

*Tool Crib #A1-10*

No Violations Noted

## **Health Service Unit**

*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**

*Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Traulsen Refrigerator*

No Violations Noted

*Ice Machine*

No Violations noted

*Grease Hood and Prep Table*

No Violations Noted

*Walk-in Refrigerator*

FC 3-305.11(A)(3)

Preventing Contamination from Premises: Food stored in an inappropriate location, food stored less than 6 inches from the floor, potato bag stored on the floor

*Walk-in Freezer*

No Violations Noted

*Office # A1-47*

105 CMR 590.009(G)(3)(b)(1)\* Special Requirements: Food Allergen Awareness Training, no prominently posted food allergen awareness training certificate

*Dry Storage Room # A1-46*

FC 6-501.114(A)

Maintenance and Operations; Maintaining Premises: Nonfunctional equipment not repaired or removed from premises, broken refrigerator stored in dry storage room

*Mechanical Warewashing Room*

FC 5-205.11(A)\*

Plumbing System, Operations and Maintenance: Handwashing sink not accessible, tray full of food blocking the sink

FC 5-205.15(B)

Plumbing System, Operations and Maintenance: Plumbing system not maintained in good repair, left faucet leaking at 3-compartment sink

*Food Service Line*

FC 4-502.13(B)

Maintenance and Operation, Utensils: Bulk milk dispenser tube not cut at a diagonal

*Supply Room # A1-50*

FC 6-501.14

Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Ventilation systems, ceiling vent dusty

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

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



## **B Wing**

### *Day Room*

No Violations Noted

### *Bathroom # B1-31*

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Stall lock missing on stall # 1 and 2 on right side

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Toilet dirty, cigarette ashes on toilet seat

### *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

### *Janitor's Closet # B1-34*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Floor damaged

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Walls covered in mold near baseboard

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

### *Laundry Room*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Interior of washing machine rusted

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Dryer not vented to the exterior, duct not secured to wall

### *Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space, cells triple bunked

## **C Wing**

### *Day Room*

No Violations Noted

### *Bathroom # C1-32*

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1-4

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 1-4

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Ceiling damaged

105 CMR 451.130\*

Hot Water: Shower water temperature recorded at 120°F at shower # 4

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Mold in shower # 3 and 4

### *Janitor's Closet # C1-34*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Standing water left in a bucket

### *Laundry Room # C1-31*

No Violations Noted

### *Cells*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged in cell # C120

## **SECOND FLOOR**

### **Administrative Area**

*Office # A2-10*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*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*

105 CMR 451.200

Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, refrigerator temperature recorded at 50°F

*IPS*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water stained

### **A Wing**

*Multi-Purpose Room # A2-2*

No Violations Noted

*Classrooms # A2-5/A2-4*

No Violations Noted

*Work Release Offices*

105 CMR 451.200

Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, no functioning thermometer in refrigerator

*Barber Shop # A2-11*

105 CMR 451.353\*

105 CMR 451.110(A)\*

Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle

Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No paper towels at handwash sink

*Janitor's Closet # A2-12*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # A2-34*

No Violations Noted

*Office # A2-35*

No Violations Noted

*Storage # A2-36*

No Violations Noted

### **B Wing**

*Day Room*

105 CMR 451.353

105 CMR 451.200

Interior Maintenance: Water fountain dirty

Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of left microwave oven dirty

*Bathroom # B2-31*

105 CMR 451.123\*  
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105 CMR 451.123\*  
105 CMR 451.130

Maintenance: Door lock missing in stall # 1 on right side  
Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling  
Maintenance: Door lock missing in stall # 1 and 2 on left side  
Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order on handicap stall on right side

*Janitor's Closet # B2-32*

No Violations Noted

*Shower Room # B2-33*

105 CMR 451.123\*  
105 CMR 451.123\*  
105 CMR 451.123\*  
105 CMR 451.123  
105 CMR 451.123  
105 CMR 451.130

Maintenance: Soap scum on floors in shower # 1-7  
Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1-7  
Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty  
Maintenance: Light out  
Maintenance: Soap scum on curtains in shower # 1-7  
Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower head missing in handicap shower # 1

*Laundry Room # B2-34*

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space, cells triple bunked

**C Wing**

*Computer Classroom*

No Violations Noted

*Laundry Room # C2-31*

No Violations Noted

*Bathroom # C2-32*

105 CMR 451.123\*  
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105 CMR 451.123\*  
105 CMR 451.123  
105 CMR 451.130

Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty  
Maintenance: Soap scum on floor in shower # 1-4  
Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1-4  
Maintenance: Shower partitions rusted and corroded in shower # 1 and 2  
Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling  
Maintenance: Wall tile damaged in shower # 3  
Maintenance: Chemical bottle stored in stall # 1  
Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower head missing in handicap shower # 4

*Janitor's Closet # C2-34*

105 CMR 451.353  
105 CMR 451.344

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty  
Illumination in Habitable Areas: Light not functioning properly, 1 light bulb out

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Sprinkler cover missing in cell # C127



## Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 140 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.
3. 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 "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](#)".

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 Protection Regulations". Then under "General Food Regulations" click "105 CMR 520.000: Labeling."

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

Sincerely,



Patrick Wallace

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