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July 8, 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; the Department’s Community Sanitation Program (CSP) conducted an inspection of the

Boston Pre-Release Center on June 26, 2019 accompanied by Sergeant John Heavey, Environmental Health and Safety Officer. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 96 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*

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*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

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

 No Violations Noted

*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**

*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)*

 No Violations Noted

*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*

 No Violations Noted

*Traulsen Refrigerator*

No Violations Noted

*Office # A1-47*

 No Violations Noted

*Mechanical Warewashing Room*

FC 6-501.12(A) Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, sprayer head dirty at 3-Compartment Sink

*Handwash Sink*

No Violations Noted

*Traulsen Refrigerator*

 No Violations Noted

*Food Service Line*

FC 4-502.13(B)\* Maintenance and Operation, Utensils and Temperature and Pressure Measuring Devices: Bulk milk container dispensing tube not cut on a diagonal

*Traulsen Warmer*

 No Violations Noted

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

 No Violations Noted

*Supply Room # A1-50*

FC 6-501.12(A) Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, rodent droppings observed

*Ice Machine*

 No Violations noted

*Grease Hood*

 No Violations Noted

*Traulsen Freezer*

 No Violations Noted

*Inmate Dining Room # A1-52*

 No violations Noted

*Staff Dining Room # A1-53*

 No Violations Noted

**B Wing**

*Day Room*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Wall fan dusty

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

 105 CMR 590.000, vending machine thermometer reading 46°F

*Bathroom # B1-31*

105 CMR 451.117\* Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty, cigarette ash on toilet # 1

105 CMR 451.117 Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty, cigarette ash on toilet # 2

105 CMR 451.117 Toilet Fixtures: Urinal fixtures dirty, urinal # 1-4 dirty

*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 damaged

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, 5, 6, and 7

105 CMR 451.130 Hot Water: Shower water temperature recorded at 1190F at shower # 1

*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 # B107 and B109

**C Wing**

*Day Room*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Window blinds damaged

*Janitor’s Closet # C1-34*

 No Violations Noted

*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 # 1-4

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Light not functioning properly, light out above sinks

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 451.117\* Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty, cigarette ash on toilet # 1

105 CMR 451.117 Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty, cigarette ash on toilet # 2 and 3

105 CMR 451.117 Toilet Fixtures: Urinal dirty, cigarette ash on urinal # 1 and 2

105 CMR 451.130 Hot Water: Shower water temperature recorded at 1200F at shower # 2

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Toilet seat damaged at toilet # 2

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Hand dryer out-of-order

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged in cell # C110

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged in cell # C124

**SECOND FLOOR**

**A Wing**

*Office # A2-6*

No Violations Noted

*Office # A2-7*

No Violations Noted

*Office # A2-9*

 No Violations Noted

*Office # A2-10*

 No Violations Noted

*Closet # A2-8*

No violations Noted

*Multi-Purpose Room # A2-2*

 No Violations Noted

*Classroom # A2-4*

 No Violations Noted

*Classroom # A2-5*

 No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # A2-34*

 No Violations Noted

*Office # A2-35*

No Violations Noted

*Storage # A2-36*

 No Violations Noted

*Barber Shop # A2-11*

 No Violations Noted

*Work Release Offices*

 No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet # A2-12*

No Violations Noted

**Administration Area**

*Janitor’s Closet # A2-24*

 No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Bathroom # A2-25*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

*Male Staff Bathroom # A2-26*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

*Kitchenette*

 No Violations Noted

*IPS*

 No Violations Noted

**B Wing**

*Day Room*

 No Violations Noted

*Office # B2-2*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water stained

*Hallway*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Wall fan dusty

*Bathroom # B2-31*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty

*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: Soap scum on curtains in shower # 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6

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

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Paint damaged on ceiling vents

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, floor drain filled with debris

105 CMR 451.130 Hot Water: Shower water temperature recorded at 1160F at shower # 4

*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: Wall paint damaged in cell # B217

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged in cell # B218

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in cell # B216

**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 walls in shower # 1-4

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Shower partitions rusted and corroded in shower # 1, 2, and 3

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Mold observed in shower # 3

105 CMR 451.130 Hot Water: Shower water temperature recorded at 1160F at shower # 2

*Janitor’s Closet # C2-34*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # C214

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 128 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 shower # 4. The CSP 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 cleaning policy.

1. At the time of inspection, the CSP recommended numbering all showers, sinks and toilets throughout the institution. This will assist the CSP 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

 Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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