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Tanja Gray, Superintendent
Boston Pre-Release Center
430 Canterbury Street
Roslindale, MA 02131

Re: Facility Inspection

Dear Superintendent Saba:

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 Boston Pre-Release Center on January 4, 2010 accompanied by Tony Almeida, IPS Officer. Violations noted are listed below (* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports).

Front Lobby

105 CMR 451.345 Illumination in Common Passage Ways and Areas: Inadequate lighting, several lights out

FC 4-601.11(C) Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Vending machine drawer dirty

Female Visitor's Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Male Visitor's Bathroom

Occupied at the time of inspection

Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Visiting Room

105 CMR 451.345 Illumination in Common Passage Ways and Areas: Inadequate lighting, several lights out

A Wing First Floor

Female Staff Bathroom A1-9

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty

Male Staff Bathroom A1-10

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty

Intake Holding Cell

No Violations Noted

Weight Room A1-19

No Violations Noted

Male Staff Locker Room A1-29/30

105 CMR 451.123* Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty
105 CMR 451.126 Hot Water: Hot water temperature 89⁰F at handwash sink
105 CMR 451.130 Hot Water: Shower water temperature 117⁰F

Toxic/Caustic Closet A1-31

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle

Female Staff Locker Room A1-32/33

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty
105 CMR 451.126 Hot Water: Hot water temperature 89⁰F at handwash sink
105 CMR 451.130 Hot Water: Shower water temperature 115⁰F

Mechanical Room A1-36

No Violations Noted

Storage/Warehouse A1-38

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottles
FC 3-501.16(B) Limitation of Growth of Organisms, Temperature and Time Control: Refrigerator temperature recorded at 44⁰F

Tool Crib A1-39

No Violations Noted

Health Service Unit

Bathroom A1-23

105 CMR 450.353 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty

Med Lab A1-24

No Violations Noted

Exam Room A1-25

No Violations Noted

Dental Room

Radiation control certificate expired

Food Service Area

Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Coffee Station

FC 4-903.11(A)(3) Protection of Clean Items, Storing: Equipment not stored 6 inches off the floor, empty juice containers stored on floor
FC 4-502.11(A) Maintenance and Operation, Utensils: Utensils not maintained in a state of good repair, ice scoop damaged

Freezer Unit

No Violations Noted

Supply Room A1-50

FC 6-501.12(A)

Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, ceiling vent dirty

FC 6-501.12(A)

Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, floor dirty

Rubbish Room A1-51

No Violations Noted

Grease Hood and Prep Table

FC 6-202.11(A)

Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Glass light shields not shatter proof

Walk-in Refrigerator

FC 4-501.11(A)

Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, one light fixture not working properly

Walk-in Freezer

FC 4-601.11(C)

Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Non-food contact surface dirty, floor dirty

FC 4-501.11(A)

Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, vent fan cover damaged

Dry Storage Room

FC 6-404.11

Location and Placement; Distressed Merchandise: Damaged cans not properly segregated

Office

No Violations Noted

Mechanical Warewashing Room

FC 4-501.112(A)(2)

Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Inadequate water temperature in the mechanical warewashing machine, wash temperature not reaching 160⁰F

Food Line

FC 4-502.13(B)

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

Inmate Dinning Room

No Violations Noted

Staff Dinning Room

No Violations Noted

A Wing Second Floor

Staff Bathroom A2-34

No Violations Noted

Barber Shower A2-11

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Vent dirty

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Barbicide containers dirty

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Surfaces in barber shower dirty

Community Reentering Program

105 CMR 451.345 Illumination in Common Passage Ways and Areas: Inadequate lighting, several light fixture not working properly

Janitor's closet A2-12

No Violations Noted

Administrative Area

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

FC 5-205.15(B) Plumbing System, Operations and Maintenance: Plumbing system not maintained in good repair, faucet loose

FC 6-501.11 Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, several light fixture not working properly

B Wing First Floor (M Side)

Day Room

FC 4-501.11(A) Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, ice machine repaired using unfinished wood

FC 4-601.11(A) Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Food contact surface dirty, interior surfaces of ice machine dirty

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Floor dirty

Laundry Room B1-31

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Wall damaged

105 CMR 451.140 Adequate Ventilation: Inadequate ventilation, dryer vent not intact

105 CMR 451.345 Illumination in Common Passage Ways and Areas: Inadequate lighting, one light fixture not working properly

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall dirty

Bathroom B1-32

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, urinal continuously running

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Standing water observed on bathroom floor in toilet stall # 1

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Heater cover loose

Shower B1-33

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on shower walls and floor

105 CMR 451.123* Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in all shower stalls

Janitor's Closet B1-34

No Violations Noted

Cells

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

B Wing Second Floor (M Side)*Day Room*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Floor dirty behind vending machines
FC 4-601.11(C) Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Vending machine drawer dirty

Hallway

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Dead insects in light fixtures

Laundry Room B2-31

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle
105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Baseboard damaged

Bathroom B2-32

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty
105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, sink # 1 out of order

Shower B2-33

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in all shower stalls
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in all shower stalls
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor damaged in shower stall # R3
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Shower door damaged in the handicap equipped shower stall
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Absorbent string used to support the hand held shower head

Janitor's Closet B2-34

No Violations Noted

Cells

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

C Wing First Floor (P Side)*Day Room*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Floor dirty behind vending machine

Hallway

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Vent fan dirty in hallway

Laundry Room C1-31

No Violations Noted

Bathroom C1-32

No Violations Noted

Shower Room C1-33

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in shower stall # L3
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in the handicap equipped shower stall

Janitor's Closet C1-34

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

C Wing Second Floor (P Side)

Day Room

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Dead insects observed in light fixtures
105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Floor dirty behind vending machine

Hallway

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Dead insects observed in light fixtures

Laundry Room C2-31

No Violations Noted

Bathroom C2-32

No Violations Noted

Shower Room C2-33

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Light fixture not working properly in shower stall # 2
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in the handicap equipped shower stall
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Drain flies observed in shower area

Janitor's Closet C2-34

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dirty

Cells

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

Observations and Recommendations

- Please note the following documents have been provided to Gloria Molinari, RN. Nurse Supervisor. Nurse-Guidelines for Medial Waste Management at Secure Lockup Facilities and example of record-keeping log for medical or biological waste
- Medical Waste was stored in the Mechanical Room A1-36 at the time of inspection
- Recommend replacing and relocating outdated MSDS sheets located in the Rubbish Room A1-51
- Please provided documentation confirming that all blankets supplied to inmates are fire retardant in accordance with 105 CMR 451.101

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 10 days of receipt of this letter 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,

Lauren Thomas
Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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