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Thomas M. Hodgson, Sheriff
Bristol County Sheriff's Office
Bristol County Jail and House of Correction
400 Faunce Corner Road
North Dartmouth, MA 02747

Re: Facility Inspection

Dear Sheriff Hodgson:

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 Bristol County Jail and House of Correction on February 5, 2010 accompanied by Brian Bigelow, Internal Auditor. Violations noted are listed below (* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports).

Entrance

Male Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Female Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Male Shower Room

No Violations Noted

Female Shower Room

No Violations Noted

Inside Units

EC Unit

Shower

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Tiles damaged

Cells

105 CMR 451.350* Structural Maintenance: Floors damaged in many cells

105 CMR 451.321* Overcrowding: Cells double-bunked

EE Unit

Showers

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Tiles damaged

Cells

105 CMR 451.350* Structural Maintenance: Floors damaged in many cells

ED Unit

Showers

105 CMR 451.123* Maintenance: Tiles damaged

Cells

105 CMR 451.321* Overcrowding: Cells double-bunked

EB Unit (Female)

Main Area

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged

Bathrooms

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Wall paint chipping/peeling

Cells

105 CMR 451.321* Overcrowding: Cells double-bunked

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Vent damaged in dorm

Showers

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Door frame damaged

105 CMR 450.127 Hot Water for Showers: Hot water temperature recorded at 96°F in showers

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Shower curtain dirty

Janitors Closet

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Wall paint chipping/peeling

EA Unit (Female)

Control

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Ceiling tiles damaged

Cells

105 CMR 451.321* Overcrowding: Cells double-bunked

FB Unit

Control

No Violations Noted

Showers

105 CMR 450.127	Hot Water for Showers: Hot water temperature recorded at 97°F in showers
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Vents dirty
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor damaged in FG-B21
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall tiles damaged in FG-B22
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Light out in FG-B18

Cells

105 CMR 451.321*	Overcrowding: Cells double-bunked
105 CMR 450.330	Heating: Room temperature recorded at 56°F in cells

FA Unit

Control

No Violations Noted

Showers

105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall tiles damaged in FG-A18 & FM-A18
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor damaged in FG-A18 & FM-A19

Cells

105 CMR 451.321*	Overcrowding: Cells double-bunked
105 CMR 450.340	Illumination: Light not working properly in cell A25

Courtyard Units

GA Unit

Showers

105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Light cover cracked in GM-A27
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor damaged in GM-A27 & GG-H28
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall tiles damaged in GG-A30 & GG-A31
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Interior of door paint chipping/peeling in GM-A31

Bathrooms

105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Partition missing between toilets in upper bathroom
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Cells

105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Light cover missing in cells # 13 & 41
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GB Unit

Main Area

105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Vents dirty
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Showers

105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floors damaged in GG-B28, GG-B27 & BM-B27
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Paint chipping/peeling in GG-B28 & BM-B27
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Showers dirty on upper level

Bathrooms

105 CMR 451.123
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Toilet # 2 not working in lower bathroom
Maintenance: Floors dirty in upper bathroom

Cells

105 CMR 451.350
105 CMR 451.102

Structural Maintenance: Window needs caulking in cell # 24
Pillows and Linens: Insufficient pillow and linens available for inmates many cells

GC Unit (Former Gym)

Main Area

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Vents dirty

Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 450.340
105 CMR 451.126

Maintenance: Walls damaged in showers
Illumination: Light out
Hot Water: Hot water temperature 98°F

Sleeping Area

105 CMR 451.103
105 CMR 451.101

Mattresses: Mattress ripped on beds # 1, 32 & 41
Blankets: Blanket ripped on bed # 3

Laundry Room

No Violations Noted

HB Unit

Main Area

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor dirty

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Showers

105 CMR 451.123
105 CMR 451.123
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105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Showers dirty
Maintenance: Interior of door paint chipping/peeling on all showers
Maintenance: Wall paint chipping/peeling in HG-B22, HG-B23 & HM-B-23
Maintenance: Ceiling paint chipping/peeling in HG-B-26 & HM-B23

Cells

105 CMR 451.350

Structural Maintenance: Door paint chipping/peeling cell # 6, 7, 33 & 34

HA Unit

Main Area

105 CMR 451.353
105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Vents dirty
Interior Maintenance: Floors dirty

Showers

105 CMR 451.123
105 CMR 451.123
105 CMR 451.123
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Water not draining properly in HG-A22
Maintenance: HG-A23 not working
Maintenance: Wall tiles damaged in HG-A23 & HG-A26
Maintenance: Interior of door paint chipping/peeling on all showers

Cells

105 CMR 450.340

Illumination: Light not working properly in cell # 16

Inside Areas

Rotunda

No Violations Noted

Laundry

No Violations Noted

Trash Room

No Violations Noted

Receiving Yard

No Violations Noted

Maintenance Shop

No Violations Noted

Print Shop

No Violations Noted

Wood Shop

No Violations Noted

Staff Dining Room

No Violations Noted

Property Room

No Violations Noted

Dispatch / Receiving

Hallway

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Ceiling tile damaged in hallway

Bathroom AI-I21

No Violations Noted

Cells

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Floors dirty

HSU

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom 1

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom 10

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom 28
105 CMR 451.126

Hot Water: Hot water temperature 98°F

Inmate Shower Room

No Violations Noted

Offices
105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Ceiling tiles damaged

Dental Area

No Violations Noted

Single Cells

No Violations Noted

Ward A

No Violations Noted

Sector D

Muster Room

No Violations Noted

Classrooms

No Violations Noted

Chapel

No Violations Noted

Food Service

Kitchen

FC 6-501.11	Repairing: Floor tiles damaged
FC 5-202.12	Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 105°F at handwash sink
FC 5-501.16	Receptacles at Handwash Sinks: No trash at sink in main area
FC 4-501.11(A)	Equipment Maintenance: Ice machine # 2 not working
FC 4-601.11(A)	Equipment Cleaning: Fan near ice machine dirty
FC 4-501.11(B)	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Gasket damaged on Hobart warmer
FC 4-501.11(B)	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Gasket damaged on Traulsen warmer
FC 5-501.16	Receptacles at Handwash Sinks: No trash at sink near dishwasher
FC 6-501.12(A)	Cleaning Physical Facilities: Ceiling dirty near dishwasher
FC 6-501.11	Repairing: Tile molding damaged near dishwasher

Inmate Dining

FC 6-501.11 Repairing: Ceiling tiles damaged

Dry Food Storage

FC 6-202.11 Light Bulbs, Protective Shielding: Light bulb missing

Cooler 1

No Violations Noted

Cooler 2

FC 4-501.11(B) Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Gasket damaged

Freezer 1

FC 4-501.11(B)

FC 4-501.11(A)

Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Gasket damaged

Equipment Maintenance: AC unit leaking/ice build-up on pipes

Modular Building

1 West

105 CMR 451.350

Structural Maintenance: Ceiling damaged at entrance

Laundry

No Violations Noted

Bathroom 1 (right side)

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Wall paint chipping/peeling

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Toilet stalls rusting

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Cove molding damaged

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling paint chipping/peeling

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Showers dirty

105 CMR 451.126

Hot Water: Hot water temperature 100°F

Bathroom 2 (left side)

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Wall paint chipping/peeling

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Walls dirty

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Cove molding damaged

105 CMR 451.126

Hot Water: Hot water temperature 101°F

Dorms

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Molding damaged

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Janitors Closet

105 CMR 451.350

Structural Maintenance: Cove molding damaged

1 East

Bathroom 1 (right side)

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling paint chipping/peeling

105 CMR 451.121(A)

Privacy: No privacy partition between toilets/showers

105 CMR 451.126*

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 97°F

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Cove molding damaged

Bathroom 2 (left side)

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling paint chipping/peeling

105 CMR 451.121(A)

Privacy: No privacy partition between toilets/showers

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Wall paint peeling

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Shower paint peeling

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Cove molding damaged

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Toilet # 1 not working

Dorms

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Cove molding damaged

105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Walls damaged in some rooms

Janitors Closet

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

2 West

Bathroom 1 (right side)

105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor tile at entrance damaged
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Cove molding damaged
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Wall paint chipping/peeling
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Toilet stalls rusting
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall damaged
105 CMR 451.121(A)*	Privacy: No privacy partition between toilets/showers

Bathroom 2 (left side)

105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Wall paint chipping/peeling
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Cove molding damaged
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Toilet stalls rusting
105 CMR 451.121(A)*	Privacy: No privacy partition between toilets/showers

Dorms

105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Vents dirty
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Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

2 East

Bathroom 1 (right side)

105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Toilet stalls rusting
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Wall paint chipping/peeling
105 CMR 451.121(A)*	Privacy: No privacy partition between toilets/showers
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling paint chipping/peeling

Bathroom 2 (left side)

105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Sink # 7 loose
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Sink # 4, 5 & 6 not working properly
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall damaged under sinks
105 CMR 451.121(A)*	Privacy: No privacy partition between toilets/showers
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Wall paint chipping/peeling

Dorms

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Observations and Recommendations:

- Inmate compliant regarding insufficient pillows
- Inmate compliant regarding temperature of cells. The temperature did seem low in a number of cell blocks throughout the facility
- Inmate complaint regarding trash barrel covers missing in EB Unit (female unit)

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 ten working days of receiving this report 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,

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