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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 – Bristol County Jail and House of Correction, North Dartmouth

Dear Sheriff Hodgson:

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; 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 October 30 and 31, 2014 accompanied by Lieutenant Andrew Mitzan, EHSO. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 81 repeat violations:

HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS

(* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

Entrance

Administration Area

105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles damaged

Lobby

No Violations Noted

Male Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Female Bathroom

105 CMR 451.130* Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, sink # 2 leaking
105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling leaking
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: No paper towels at handwash sink

Male Shower Room

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Female Shower Room

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Units

EC Unit

Main Area

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged outside showers

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged in main area

Officer's Room

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet – 2nd Floor

No Violations Noted

Showers – 2nd Floor

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet – 1st Floor

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor paint peeling

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

Showers – 1st Floor

No Violations Noted

Handicap Shower

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower leaking

Cells

105 CMR 451.321*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cell # G1-G8 and M1-M8

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Floor damaged in cell # G2, G3, G7, G8, and M4

EE Unit

Main Area

105 CMR 451.344

Illumination in Habitable Areas: Light not functioning properly, light out

Showers – 2nd Floor

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 1

Janitor's Closet – 1st Floor

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in sink

Showers – 1st Floor

No Violations Noted

Cells

No Violations Noted

ED Unit

Main Area

No Violations Noted

Computer Room

No Violations Noted

Showers – 2nd Floor

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet – 1st Floor

No Violations Noted

Cells

105 CMR 451.321*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cell # G1-G4 and M1-M4

EB Unit – Female

Main Area

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged

Bathroom – 2nd Floor

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged

Showers – 2nd Floor

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 1 and 2

Bathroom – 1st Floor

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Showers – 1st Floor

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet – 1st Floor

No Violations Noted

Cells

105 CMR 451.321*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cell # 1-16

EA Unit – Female

Control

No Violations Noted

Main Area

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged

Caseworker's Office

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Chair padding damaged

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged

Nurse's Office

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles damaged

Janitor's Closet – 1st Floor

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Showers – 1st Floor

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower leaking

Showers – 2nd Floor

No Violations Noted

Cells

105 CMR 451.321*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cell # G1-G4 and M1-M4

FB Unit

Control

No Violations Noted

Medical Room

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet – 2nd Floor

105 CMR 451.344

Illumination in Habitable Areas: Light not functioning properly, light out

Showers – 2nd Floor

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 1 and 2

Showers – 1st Floor

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor damaged outside showers

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 1 and 2

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1 and 2

Cells

105 CMR 451.321*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cell # G1-G16 and M1-M16

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Floor damaged in cell # G9, G13, and G15

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor damaged in cell # G10 and M10

FA Unit

Control

No Violations Noted

Showers – 2nd Floor

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 1-3

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged outside showers

Janitor's Closet – 1st Floor

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

Showers – 1st Floor

No Violations Noted

Cells

105 CMR 451.321*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cell # G1-G16 and M1-M16

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged in cell # M1 and M15

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged in cell # G6 and handicap cell

Courtyard Units

HA Unit

Main Area

No Violations Noted

Showers – 2nd Floor

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower nozzle missing in shower # HM-A26

Janitor's Closet – 1st Floor

No Violations Noted

Showers – 1st Floor

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Shower doors rusted

Cells

105 CMR 451.321*

105 CMR 451.103

105 CMR 451.130

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cell # G1-G20 and M1-M20

Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # G18

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order in cell # M19

HB Unit

Main Area

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet – 2nd Floor

105 CMR 451.353

105 CMR 451.344

Interior Maintenance: Floor dirty

Illumination in Habitable Areas: Light not functioning properly, light out

Showers – 2nd Floor

105 CMR 451.123*

105 CMR 451.123*

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # HM-B26 and HM-B27

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # HM-B26 and HM-B27

Maintenance: Appearance of mold on ceiling outside of showers

Janitor's Closet – 1st Floor

No Violations Noted

Showers – 1st Floor

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Door frame rusted in shower # HG-B22, HG-B23, and HG-B26

Cells

105 CMR 451.321

105 CMR 451.353

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cell # G1-G20 and M1-M20

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling dirty in cell # G14

GA Unit

Handicap Shower

No Violations Noted

Bathroom – 2nd Floor

Unable to Inspect – In Use

Showers – 2nd Floor

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Door frames rusted

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Appearance of mold on ceiling outside showers near cell # M2

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Walls discolored in shower # GM-A27, GM-A28, and GM-A31

Janitor's Closet (near handicap cell)

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Bathroom – 1st Floor

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Toilet # 3 missing

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Wall damaged, hole in wall at missing toilet

Showers – 1st Floor

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Door frames rusted

105 CMR 451.130*

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower leaking at shower # GG-A28

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Walls discolored in shower # GG-A27, GG-A30, and GG-A31

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # GG-A31

Cells

105 CMR 451.321*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cell # G1-G23 and M1-M23

GB Unit

Handicap Shower

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Bathroom – 2nd Floor

105 CMR 451.130*

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, urinal out-of-order

105 CMR 451.121(A)*

Privacy: No privacy partition between toilets

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order

Showers – 2nd Floor

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Appearance of mold on ceiling in shower # GM-B28 and GM-B29

Bathroom – 1st Floor

105 CMR 451.121(A)*

Privacy: No privacy partition between toilets

Showers – 1st Floor

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Door frames rusted

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Appearance of mold on ceiling in shower # GG-B30 and GG-B31

Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Cells

105 CMR 451.321*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cell # G1-G24 and M1-M24

GC Unit – Former Gym

Main Area

105 CMR 451.353* Interior Maintenance: Floor damaged in several areas

Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123* Maintenance: Shower curtains missing in shower # 1-6

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Sink # 2 missing

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Appearance of mold on ceiling in shower # 1-6

Sleeping Area

105 CMR 451.322 Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in dorm area

Inside Area

Rotunda

No Violations Noted

Barber Shop

No Violations Noted

Laundry

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, washing machine # 3 out-of-order

Inmate Bathroom # 1

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom # 2

No Violations Noted

Medical Administration Room

No Violations Noted

Disciplinary Room

No Violations Noted

Trash Room

No Violations Noted

Receiving Yard

No Violations Noted

Maintenance Shop

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing in break room

Print Shop

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

Wood Shop

No Violations Noted

Cart Storage Room

No Violations Noted

Welding Shop

No Violations Noted

Staff Dining Room

FC 4-602.12(B)*

Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils; Frequency: Interior of microwave oven dirty

Staff Bathroom # 1

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom # 2

No Violations Noted

Property Room

No Violations Noted

Civilian Visiting Rooms

No Violations Noted

Non-Contact Visiting Room

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Walls dirty under phone stations

Inmate Bathroom

No Violations Noted

HSU*Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

105 CMR 451.126

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 135°F

Inmate Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor damaged under sink

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: No paper towels at handwash sink

Inmate Shower Room

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Floor dirty

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower

Offices

FC 4-602.12(B)*

Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils; Frequency: Interior of microwave oven dirty

Trauma Room

No Violations Noted

Dental Area

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Lab

No Violations Noted

Exam Room # 1

No Violations Noted

Exam Room # 2

No Violations Noted

Control Area

No Violations Noted

Nurse's Station

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

Single Cells

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: No paper towels at handwash sink

Ward A

No Violations Noted

Ward B

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Dispatch/Receiving

Property

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles missing in staff office

Sally Port

No Violations Noted

Female Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Male Staff Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Ceiling damaged, paint peeling

Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Intake Office

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Medical Office

No Violations Noted

Male Cells

Unable to Inspect – Cells Occupied

Female Cells

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Sector D

Muster Room

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles dirty

Chapel

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles missing

105 CMR 451.110(A)

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

Classrooms

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles missing in room # B and C

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles damaged in room # A and B

Classification

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom # 1

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom # 2

No Violations Noted

Male Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Female Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Food Service

Kitchen

FC 6-501.11*

Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, floor damaged

3-Bay Sink

No Violations Noted

Handwash Sink (near 3-bay sink)

No Violations Noted

Kettle Area

No Violations Noted

Inmate Dining

FC 6-501.11*

Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, ceiling tiles damaged

Dry Food Storage

FC 3-304.12(A)

Preventing Contamination from Utensils: Service utensils handle stored below the food and container line, scoop stored in rice cereal

FC 3-304.12(A)

Preventing Contamination from Utensils: Service utensils handle stored below the food and container line, scoop stored flour

Dishwashing Machine Area

FC 6-501.12(A) Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, ceiling dirty

Handwash Sink (near dishwashing machine)

FC 6-501.11 Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, soap dispenser damaged

Cooler # 1

No Violations Noted

Cooler # 2

No Violations Noted

Freezer # 1

FC 6-501.11* Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, light out

Modular Building

Modular Kitchen

FC 6-201.16(A)* Design, Construction, and Installation; Cleanability: Walls not easily cleanable, paint peeling

1 West

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Classroom

No Violations Noted

Main Area

No Violations Noted

Laundry

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing

Bathroom 1 (right side)

105 CMR 451.121(A)* Privacy: Missing privacy partition between toilets and showers

Bathroom 2 (left side)

105 CMR 451.121(A)* Privacy: Missing privacy partition between showers and toilets

Dorms

105 CMR 451.322* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms

1 East

Laundry

No Violations Noted

Storage

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Bathroom 1 (right side)

105 CMR 451.121(A)*

Privacy: Missing privacy partition between showers and toilets

Bathroom 2 (left side)

105 CMR 451.121(A)*

Privacy: Missing privacy partition between showers and toilets

Dorms

105 CMR 451.322*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms

2 West

Staff Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Wall paint peeling

Classroom

No Violations Noted

Storage

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet

105 CMR 451.353*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling

Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in sink

Bathroom 1 (right side)

105 CMR 451.121(A)*

105 CMR 451.130

Privacy: Missing privacy partition between showers and toilets

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order

Bathroom 2 (left side)

105 CMR 451.121(A)*

Privacy: Missing privacy partition between showers and toilets

Dorms

105 CMR 451.322*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms

2 East

Law Library

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor damaged

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Classroom

No Violations Noted

Storage

No Violations Noted

Janitor's Closet

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling

Bathroom 1 (right side)

105 CMR 451.121(A)*

105 CMR 451.130

Privacy: No privacy partition between toilets and showers

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, urinal out-of-order

Bathroom 2 (left side)

105 CMR 451.121(A)*

Privacy: No privacy partition between toilets and showers

Dorms

105 CMR 451.322*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms

Training Area

Storage Closet

No Violations Noted

Inmate Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Mods Intake Area

Bathroom # 1

No Violations Noted

Bathroom # 2

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 934 at the time of inspection.
2. During the inspection, the Department recommended that all showers and cells be identified with a numbering system. This will assist the Department and correctional employees better recognize where issues exist.

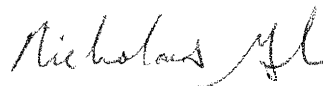
This facility does not comply with the Department's Regulations cited above. In accordance with 105 CMR 451.404, please submit a plan of correction within 10 working days of receipt of this notice, indicating the specific corrective steps to be taken, a timetable for such steps, and the date by which 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 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 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,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Nicholas Gale".

Nicholas Gale
Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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