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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; 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 the Bristol County Jail and House of Correction on March 23 and 24, 2015 accompanied by Lieutenant Andrew Mitzan, EHSO. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 69 repeat violations:

**HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

(\* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

**Entrance**

*Administration Area*

No Violations Noted

*Lobby*

No Violations Noted

*Male Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Female Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling leaking

*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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

No Violations Noted

#### *Shower – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower leaking

#### *Janitor's Closet – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Floor paint peeling

#### *Shower – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower leaking

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Wall dirty

#### *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, and G8

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor damaged in cell # G5

### **EE Unit**

#### *Main Area*

No Violations Noted

#### *Showers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

No Violations Noted

#### *Janitor's Closet – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

No Violations Noted

#### *Showers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

No Violations Noted

#### *Cells*

No Violations Noted

### **ED Unit**

#### *Main Area*

No Violations Noted

#### *Computer Room*

No Violations Noted

<i>Showers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Janitor's Closet – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Cells</i> 105 CMR 451.321*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cell # G1-G4 and M1-M4
<b>EB Unit – Female</b>	
<i>Main Area</i> 105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged
<i>Bathroom – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</i> 105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged
<i>Showers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</i> 105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 1 and 2
<i>Bathroom – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor</i> 105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty
<i>Showers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Janitor's Closet – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Cells</i> 105 CMR 451.321*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cell # 1-16
<b>EA Unit – Female</b>	
<i>Control</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Main Area</i> 105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged
<i>Caseworker's Office</i> 105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged
<i>Nurse's Office</i> 105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles damaged
<i>Janitor's Closet – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor</i> 105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty
<i>Showers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Showers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor</i>	No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\*  
105 CMR 451.130

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cell # G1-G4 and M1-M4  
Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet leaking in cell # G2

**FB Unit**

*Control*

No Violations Noted

*Medical Room*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor's Closet – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # 3

*Showers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Floor damaged outside showers

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 1

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 3

*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, G10, G13, G15, and M10

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor damaged in cell # G4 and G16

**FA Unit**

*Control*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

*Showers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower leaking at shower # 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 tiles damaged in cell # G6, M1, M15, and handicap cell

**Courtyard Units**

**HA Unit**

*Main Area*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Light shield missing

*Showers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor's Closet – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

*Handicap Shower*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\*

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

105 CMR 451.103

Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # G18

**HB Unit**

*Main Area*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling in room # HG-B28

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall paint peeling in room # HG-B28

*Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor's Closet – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Appearance of mold on ceiling outside of showers

*Janitor's Closet – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

*Handicap Shower*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Mold on ceiling in shower # HG-B22 and HG-B26

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\*

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

**GA Unit**

*Handicap Shower*

No Violations Noted

*Bathroom – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.121(A)

Privacy: No privacy partition between toilets

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Urinal out-of-order

*Showers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.123\*

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

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Mold on ceiling in shower # GM-A27 and GM-A28

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # GM-A31

*Janitor's Closet (near handicap cell)*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

*Bathroom – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Urinal out-of-order

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, sink # 3 leaking

*Showers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.130\* Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower leaking at shower # GG-A28

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower leaking at shower # GG-A27

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in shower # GG-A31

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Mold on ceiling in shower # GG-A27 and GG-A28

*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 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor*

Unable to Inspect – In Use

*Bathroom – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

Unable to Inspect – In Use

*Showers – 1<sup>st</sup> Floor*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Door frames rusted

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: 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*

Unable to Inspect – In Use

*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 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Folding table surface damaged

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink leaking

### *Inmate Bathroom # 1*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Floor dirty

### *Inmate Bathroom # 2*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Urinal out-of-order

### **Medical Administration Room**

FC 4-602.12(B)

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

### **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

FC 4-204.112(A)

Design and Construction, Functionality: No functioning thermometer in grey refrigerator

### **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**

No Violations Noted

### *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

*Inmate Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Shower Room*

No Violations Noted

*Offices*

FC 4-602.12(B)\*

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

*Trauma Room*

No Violations Noted

*Dental Area*

No Violations Noted

*Eye Exam Room*

No Violations Noted

*Lab*

105 CMR 451.350

Structural Maintenance: Ceiling leaking

*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*

No Violations Noted

*Single Cells*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged in cell # 2



*Inmate Bathroom*  
105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: No paper towels at handwash sink

*Ward A*

No Violations Noted

*Ward B*

No Violations Noted

**Dispatch/Receiving**

*Property*

No Violations Noted

*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*

No Violations Noted

*Medical Offices*

No Violations Noted

*Male Cells*

No Violations Noted

*Female Cells*  
105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling dirty in cell # 1

*Inmate Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

**Sector D**

*Muster Room*  
FC 4-602.12(B)  
FC 4-903.11(A)(2)

Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils; Frequency: Interior of microwave oven dirty  
Protection of Clean Items, Storing: Single-service items not protected from  
contamination, utensils left uncovered

**Chapel**  
105 CMR 451.110(A)\*  
105 CMR 451.130

Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No paper towels at handwash sink  
Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, cold water out-of-order at handwash  
sink

*Classrooms*  
105 CMR 451.353\*  
105 CMR 451.353\*

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

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged

*Female Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Light shield missing

*Janitor's Closet*

No Violations Noted

**Food Service**

**Kitchen**

*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*

No Violations Noted

*Dishwashing Machine Area*

No Violations Noted

*Handwash Sink (near dishwashing machine)*

FC 5-205.15(B)

Plumbing System, Operations and Maintenance: Plumbing system not maintained in good repair, sink pipe leaking

*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

## Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 821 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](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,



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Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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