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November 13, 2019

Thomas M. Hodgson, Sheriff

Bristol County Sheriff’s Office

Bristol County Jail and House of Correction

400 Faunce Corner Road

North Dartmouth, MA 02747 (electronic copy)

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 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 Bristol County Jail and House of Correction on October 22, 2019 accompanied by Lieutenant Andrew Mitzan and Michael Moreira, Environmental Health and Safety Officers. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 93 repeat violations:

Should you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Nicholas Gale

Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

(*\* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports*)

**Entrance**

*Lobby*

No Violations Noted

*Male Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Female Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Male Shower Room*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty in handicapped stall

*Female Shower Room*

No Violations Noted

*Conference Room*

No Violations Noted

**Inside Area**

**Rotunda**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged

*Janitor’s Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Barber Shop*

No Violations Noted

*Civilian Visiting Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Non-Contact Visiting Room*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Walls dirty under visiting stations on inmate side

*Inmate Bathroom # C1-79*

No Violations Noted

**Main Hallway**

*Medical Administration Room*

No Violations Noted

*Male Bathroom # B1-44*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Partition rusted

*Female Bathroom # B1-45*

No Violations Noted

*Disciplinary Room*

No Violations Noted

*Laundry*

No Violations Noted

*Trash Room*

No Violations Noted

*Receiving Yard*

No Violations Noted

*Male Bathroom # B1-16*

No Violations Noted

*Male Bathroom # B1-17*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # B1-9*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # B1-10*

No Violations Noted

*Maintenance Shop*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

*Old Print Shop - Offices*

No Violations Noted

*Wood Shop*

No Violations Noted

*Cart Storage Room*  
 No Violations Noted

*Welding Shop*

No Violations Noted

**Food Service**

**Kitchen**

The following Food Code violations listed in **BOLD** were observed to be corrected on-site.

*Janitor’s Closet*

FC 6-501.16 Maintenance and Operation: Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods; Wet mop stored in bucket

*Dry Food Storage*

No Violations Noted

*Cooler # 1*

No Violations Noted

*Cooler # 2*

No Violations Noted

*Freezer # 1*

No Violations Noted

*3-Compartment Sink*

No Violations Noted

*Handwash Sink (near 3-compartment sink)*

FC 5-205.15(B) Plumbing System; Operation and Maintenance: Plumbing system not maintained in good repair, hot water handle continuously spins

*Kettle Area*

FC 4-901.11(A)\* Protection of Clean Items, Drying: Clean and sanitized stainless steel covers not allowed to air dry fully, clean covers stored wet on rack

*Ice Machine*

No Violations Noted

*Dishwashing Machine Area*

**FC 4-501.112(A)(2) Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Inadequate water temperature in the mechanical warewashing machinePf**

FC 6-201.11 Design, Construction, and Installation; Cleanability: Ceiling not smooth and easily cleanable, paint damaged around ceiling vents

*Handwash Sink (near dishwashing machine)*

FC 5-205.15(B) Plumbing System; Operation and Maintenance: Plumbing system not maintained in good repair, handwash sink leaking

*Prep Serving Line*

FC 6-501.12(A)\* Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, wall cooling fan dusty

*Inmate Dining*

FC 6-201.11\* Design, Construction and Installation: Floor not easily cleanable, paint damaged

**HSU**

*Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom # BLI-17*

No Violations Noted

*Office # BLI-19b*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water damaged

*Large Nurse Office Space*

No Violations Noted

*Trauma Room BLI-18 # 6*

No Violations Noted

*Dental Area # 3*

No Violations Noted

*Eye Exam Room # BLI-21*

No Violations Noted

*Lab # 5*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water damaged

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles missing

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 # BLI-11*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

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

*Single Cells*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # 2*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom # BLI-10*

No Violations Noted

*Administrative Office*

105 CMR 451.200 Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty

*Biohazard Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom # BLI-28*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Shower*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Orange staining on wall

*Ward A*

No Violations Noted

*Ward B*

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: One mattress damaged in ward

**Dispatch/Receiving**

*Property*

105 CMR 451.200\* Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, ice build-up in freezer

*Sally Port*

105 CMR 451.350\* Structural Maintenance: Door not rodent and weathertight

*Female Staff Bathroom # ALI-45*

No Violations Noted

*Male Staff Bathroom # ALI-44*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet # ALI-25*

No Violations Noted

*Intake Office*

No Violations Noted

*Medical Offices*

No Violations Noted

*Group Cells*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in group cell # 1

*Male Cells*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling dirty in cell # M5

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling dirty in cell # M3

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged in cell # M1, M2, M3, and M4

*Female Cells*

105 CMR 451.117 Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixture dirty in cell # F1

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Food on floor in cell # F1

*Inmate Bathroom # ALI - 21*

No Violations Noted

**Sector D**

*Muster Room*

105 CMR 451.200\* Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty

105 CMR 451.200\* Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of toaster oven dirty

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water damaged

*Chapel*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles missing

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water stained

*Classrooms*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water damaged in classroom A, B, and C

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Hole in ceiling surface in classroom D

*Classification*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom # DI-13*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom # DI-14*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # DI-23*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # DI-24*

Unable to Inspect – In Use

*Janitor’s Closet*

No Violations Noted

**Units**

**EC Unit**

*Main Area*

No Violations Noted

*Officer’s Room*

No Violations Noted

*Storage – 2nd Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet – 2nd Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Shower – 2nd Floor # F2-C10*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Floor dirty

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Orange staining on wall

*Janitor’s Closet – 1st Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Storage – 1st Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Shower – 1st Floor # E1-C10*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Floor dirty

*Handicapped Shower*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Orange staining on floor

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells, cells double bunked

**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 cells, cells double bunked

**EE Unit**

*Main Area*

No Violations Noted

*Cage Room*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 2nd Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet – 1st Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 1st Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

**EA/EB Units**

EA/EB Control

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Caseworker’s Office*

No Violations Noted

*Nurse’s Office*

No Violations Noted

EA Unit – Female

*Main Area*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet – 1st Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Shower – 1st Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Shower – 2nd Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in cells, cells double bunked

EB Unit – Female

*Main Area*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Floor covering damaged

*Bathroom – 2nd Floor*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Floor surface damaged

*Showers – 2nd Floor*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Interior door paint damaged in shower # E2-B11

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Door frame paint damaged in shower # E2-B11

*Bathroom – 1st Floor*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in stall # 1

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Floor covering damaged

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Wall paint damaged behind handwash sink on left

*Shower – 1st Floor*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Door frame paint damaged

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Interior of door paint damaged

*Janitor’s Closet – 1st Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells, cells double bunked

105 CMR 451.322\* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in dorm room attached to cell block

**FA Unit**

*Control*

No Violations Noted

*Main Area*

No Violations Noted

*Classroom*

No Violations Noted

*Storage – 2nd Floor # FM-A23*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 2nd Floor*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Floor surface damaged outside shower # FM-A18

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Shower encasing paint damaged in shower # FM-A21

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Door frame paint damaged in shower # FM-A19

*Janitor’s Closet # FG-A20*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet – 1st Floor # FG-A23*

No Violations Noted

*Handicapped Shower*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 1st Floor*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Floor damaged outside shower # FG-A18 and FG-A21

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # FG-A18 leaking

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells, cells double bunked

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged in all cells

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged in cell # M5

**FB Unit**

*Control*

No Violations Noted

*Main Area*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Floor covering damaged

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water stained

*Medical Room*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet – 2nd Floor # FM-B23*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 2nd Floor*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Orange staining on walls in shower # FM-B21

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # FM-B18 and FM-B19

*Janitor’s Closet – 1st Floor # FG-B20*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 1st Floor*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # FG-B22

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # FG-B18

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Floor surface damaged outside shower # FG-B21

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells, cells double bunked

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged in all cells

**Courtyard Units**

**HA Unit**

*Main Area*

105 CMR 451.141\* Screens: Screen missing from window near entrance

*Caseworker’s Office*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet – 2nd Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 2nd Floor*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Door rusted in shower # HM-A23 and HM-A26

*Janitor’s Closet – 1st Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Storage – 1st Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Handicapped Shower*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 1st Floor*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Door paint damaged in shower # HG-A22 and HG-A23

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells, cells double bunked

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # G1

**HB Unit**

*Main Area*

105 CMR 451.141\* Screens: Screen missing from window near entrance

*Caseworker’s Office*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Storage – 1st Floor # HG-B24*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged

*Storage – Near Shower # HG-B26*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet – 2nd Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 2nd Floor*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Mold on ceiling outside shower # HM-B26 and HM-B27

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # HM-B26

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Door frame rusted in shower # HM-B23, HM-B26, and HM-B27

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Door paint damaged in cell # HM-B23, HM-B26, and HM-B27

*Janitor’s Closet – 1st Floor*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

*Handicapped Shower*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 1st Floor*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Door rusted in shower # HG-B22 and HG-B23

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Door frame rusted in shower # HG-B22 and HG-B23

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Door frame rusted in shower # HG-B26

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # HG-B26 leaking

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # HG-B26

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells, cells double bunked

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Exterior of door paint damaged in cell # G1, G5, G6, G7, G9, G19, M1, and M3

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged in cell # M8

**GA Unit**

*Main Area*

105 CMR 451.141\* Screens: Screen missing from window near entrance

*Caseworker’s Office*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Handicapped Shower*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

*Storage # GG-A29*

No Violations Noted

*Storage # GG-A32*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet (near handicapped cell)*

No Violations Noted

*Bathroom – 2nd Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet – 2nd Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 2nd Floor*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Door frame paint damaged in shower # GM-A27 and GM-A28

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Door frame paint damaged in shower # GM-A31

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Door frame rusted in shower # GM-A28

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Door paint damaged in shower # GM-A27

*Bathroom – 1st Floor*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Floor surface removal left unfinished

*Showers – 1st Floor*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Door rusted in shower # GG-A31

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Door rusted in shower # GG-A30

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Door frame rusted in shower # GG-A27

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells, cells double bunked

**GB Unit**

*Main Area*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Handicapped Shower*

No Violations Noted

*Storage – 1st Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet – 1st Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Bathroom – 2nd Floor*

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, sink # 2 out-of-order

105 CMR 451.110(A) Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No soap at handwash sinks

*Showers – 2nd Floor*

105 CMR 451.130\* Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # GM-B27 and GM-B28 leaking

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Door frame paint damaged in shower # GM-B27, GM-B28, and GM-B31

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Door rusted in shower # GM-B31

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Wall left unfinished, soap tray removed in shower # GM-B31

*Bathroom – 1st Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Showers – 1st Floor*

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # GG-B23 leaking

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # GG-B30 and GG-B31

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Orange staining on wall in shower # GG-B23

*Janitor’s Closet – 2nd Floor*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.321\* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells, cells double bunked

**GC Unit – Former Gym**

*Main Area*

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

*Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.110(A)\* Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No paper towels at handwash sinks

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet # 8 out-of-order

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, 1 sink out-of-order

*Showers*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor drain cover missing in shower # 5

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 4

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

*Library*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Sleeping Area*

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

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 455 at the time of inspection.
2. During the inspection, the Department found many shower identification tags damaged or painted over and therefore, made them difficult or impossible to read. The Department recommended implementing a simple numbering system to all toilet and shower stalls to allow the Department and Correctional staff 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 or download a copy, 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 DPH Regulations and FDA Code click "Merged Food Code" or "105 CMR 590.000 - State Sanitary Code Chapter X - Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments".

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 Program regulations”. Then under Food Processing 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,



Nicholas Gale Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH