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January 12, 2016

Thomas M. Hodgson, Sheriff

Bristol County Jail, Ash Street Facility

400 Faunce Corner Road

Dartmouth, MA 02747

Re: Facility Inspection - Bristol County Jail, Ash Street Facility, New Bedford

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: Minimum Requirements for the Management of 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, Ash Street Facility on December 23, 2015 accompanied by Lieutenant Andrew Mitzan, EHSO. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 26 repeat violations:

**HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

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

**MAIN BUILDING**

**(4th Floor)**

**4 Alley**

No Violations Noted

*Showers*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Shower curtain ripped

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor paint peeling outside shower

**8 Alley**

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink*

No Violations Noted

**12 Alley**

No Violations Noted

**16 Alley**

No Violations Noted

**Plant 4**

*Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling in shower area

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Floor paint peeling in shower area

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Shower curtain missing in shower # 1

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

**(3rd Floor)**

**3 Alley**

105 CMR 451.350\* Structural Maintenance: Wall damaged around toilet in cell # 33, 43, and 46

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Wall damaged around toilet in cell # 45

105 CMR 451.350\* Structural Maintenance: Floor damaged around toilet in cell # 48

**7 Alley**

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling in cell # 106

*Showers*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1 and 2

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Curtain missing in shower # 1 and 2

**11 Alley**

No Violations Noted

**15 Alley**

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Wall damaged around toilet in cell # 208

**Plant 3**

*Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1 and 2

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling outside showers

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Curtain missing in shower # 1

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Debris in shower # 1

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

**(2nd Floor)**

**Health Services**

*Female Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Copy Room*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling

*Nurse’s Station*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling

*Offices*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling

*Exam Room*

No Violations Noted

**14 Alley**

No Violations Noted

**10 Alley**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall paint peeling in cell # 148 and 151

**6 Alley**

105 CMR 451.350\* Structural Maintenance: Wall damaged around toilet in cell # 92

**2 Alley**

No Violations Noted

**(1st Floor)**

**1 Alley**

105 CMR 451.350\* Structural Maintenance: Wall damaged in cell # 4, 6 and 7

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Wall damaged in cell # 3

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Ceiling damaged in cell # 11

**5 Alley**

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Wall damaged in cell # 73

**9 Alley**

*Cells*

105 CMR 451.350\* Structural Maintenance: Wall damaged in cell # 136

105 CMR 451.350\* Structural Maintenance: Ceiling damaged in cell # 136

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Ceiling damaged in cell # 137

*Showers*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1 and 2

*Barbershop*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Countertop surface damaged

**13 Alley**

*Property*

No Violations Noted

*Male Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Sink leaking

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

*Showers*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1 and 2

*Slop Sink – Maintenance Closet*

No Violations Noted

**KITCHEN**

*Main Area*

FC 4-903.11(A)(2) Protection of Clean Items, Storing: Single-service items not protected from contamination, utensils left uncovered near ovens

*Cooler # 1*

Unable to Inspect – No Access

*Mop Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchen Office*

Unable to Inspect – No Access

*3-Bay Sink*

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

*Dishwashing Machine Area*

FC 6-201.11\* Design, Construction and Installation: Floor not easily cleanable, floor damaged under warewashing machine

FC 6-202.15(A)(2) Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Outer door not weather and vermin tight

*Dry Storage*

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

*Dining Area*

No Violations Noted

*Freezer*

Unable to Inspect – No Access

*Milk Cooler*

Unable to Inspect – No Access

**DAY ROOM**

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Wall paint peeling

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Pipe insulation damaged at entrance

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Floor paint peeling in several areas

*Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.121(A)\* Privacy: No privacy partition in between showers

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor surface damaged

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower

105 CMR 451.122 Shower Floors: Shower floors not constructed of non-slip material

*Mop Closet*

No Violations Noted

**LAUNDRY ROOM**

No Violations Noted

**ADMINISTRATION AREA**

**Intake**

*Inmate Bathroom B-1*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Wall damaged in inmate bathroom # 1

*Inmate Bathroom B-2*

No Violations Noted

*Holding Cells*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall paint peeling in group cell # 1

*Vehicle Trap*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Break Room with Lockers*

No Violations Noted

*Roll Call Area*

No Violations Noted

*Officer’s Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Break Room*

FC 4-903.11(A)(2)\* Protection of Clean Items, Storing: Single-service items not protected from contamination, utensils left uncovered

FC 4-601.11(A) Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Food contact surface dirty, interior of white coffee-maker dirty

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 195 at the time of inspection.
2. At the time of inspection:
   1. Inmates were showering in both the Day Room and on the tiers. The Department recommends all showers be cleaned daily and kept in good repair per 105 CMR 451.123; and
   2. The kitchen was not in use. The food is prepared and transferred from the Bristol County House of Correction.

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](http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/%7Edms/fc99-toc.html)”.

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,

Nicholas Gale

Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

cc: Jan Sullivan, Acting Director, BEH

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