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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 Modular Building, North Dartmouth

Dear Sheriff Heroux:

The Massachusetts Department of Public Health (Department) Division of Environmental Health Regulations and Standards (EHRS) conducted an inspection of the Bristol County Modular Building on February 26, 2025, accompanied by Michael Moreira, Fire Safety/Environmental Health and Safety Officer and Officer Justin Samanica, in accordance with Department regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities.

The inspection identified 150 total deficiencies: 49 new deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series), 63 repeat deficiencies under the Required Standards, 9 new deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series), and 29 repeat deficiencies under the Recommended Standards.

Overview

Section 1 provides details of all deficiencies, including repeat deficiencies, found during the inspection. These are categorized by Required Standards, Recommended Standards, or additional applicable regulatory standards.

Section 2 provides information on areas that EHRS found to be compliant.

Section 3 documents the areas that EHRS did not inspect.

Section 4 provides information on submitting a Plan of Correction for the identified deficiencies.

Section 5 outlines observations and recommendations related to the inspection.

SECTION 1: Health and Safety Deficiencies

Deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series)

49 new deficiencies and 63 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1.	Modular Kitchen	Traulsen Refrigerators	105 CMR 451.200*	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment components not maintained is a state of good repair refrigerator gaskets dirty on right and left side. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 4-501.11(B).
2.	1 West	Staff Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty
3.	1 West	Bathroom 1 (Right Side)	105 CMR 451.117*	Toilet Fixtures: Urinal dirty
4.	1 West	Bathroom 1 (Right Side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Paint damaged on partition in shower # 4
5.	1 West	Bathroom 1 (Right Side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 3 and 4
6.	1 West	Bathroom 1 (Right Side)	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink # 1 running continuously
7.	1 West	Bathroom 2 (Left Side)	105 CMR 451.117*	Toilet Fixtures: Urinal # 1 and 2 dirty
8.	1 West	Bathroom 2 (Left Side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor epoxy damaged under toilet # 5
9.	1 West	Bathroom 2 (Left Side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Drain flies observed throughout
10.	1 West	Bathroom 2 (Left Side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Paint damaged on partition in shower # 3, 4, and 5
11.	1 West	Bathroom 2 (Left Side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 3
12.	1 West	Bathroom 2 (Left Side)	105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: No hot water supplied to handwash sink # 5
13.	1 East	Staff Bathroom	105 CMR 451.110(A)*	Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No paper towels at handwash sink
14.	1 East	Staff Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty
15.	1 East	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.117*	Toilet Fixtures: Urinal dirty
16.	1 East	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor epoxy damaged
17.	1 East	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 1
18.	1 East	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Paint damaged on partition in shower # 2, 3, and 4
19.	1 East	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.117*	Toilet Fixtures: Urinal # 1 and 2 dirty
20.	1 East	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Light shields rusted
21.	1 East	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor surface damaged at entrance
22.	1 East	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Paint damaged on partition in shower # 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10
23.	1 East	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Wall vent dusty
24.	1 East	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Toilet partition paint damaged
25.	1 East	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.124	Water Supply: Insufficient hot water supply in quantity and pressure at handwash sink # 8
26.	2 West	Staff Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty
27.	2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Paint damaged on partition in shower # 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5

28. 2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 1 and 2
29. 2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 1, 2, 3, and 4
30. 2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Light shields rusted
31. 2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor epoxy damaged at entrance
32. 2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1, 2, 3, and 4
33. 2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Mold on walls in shower # 1, 2, 3, and 4
34. 2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Mold on floor in shower # 1, 2, 3, and 4
35. 2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor drain clogged in shower # 1
36. 2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, water control damaged at handwash sink # 5 and 7
37. 2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink # 3 running continuously
38. 2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, faucet loose at handwash sink # 4 and 7
39. 2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.117	Toilet Fixtures: Urinal dirty
40. 2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Drain flies observed throughout
41. 2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Toilet partitions dirty
42. 2 West	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 8 and 9
43. 2 West	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Wall vent paint damaged
44. 2 West	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Wall surface damaged
45. 2 West	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 8, 9, and 10
46. 2 West	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, urinal # 1 not flushing appropriately
47. 2 West	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink # 8 out-of-order
48. 2 West	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink # 14 running continuously
49. 2 West	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, faucet loose at handwash sink # 12
50. 2 West	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.117	Toilet Fixtures: Urinal # 1 dirty
51. 2 West	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling cracked
52. 2 West	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 10
53. 2 West	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Paint damaged on partition in shower # 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10
54. 2 West	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 7, 8, 9, and 10
55. 2 East	Offices	105 CMR 451.200*	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, single-use plastic utensils left uncovered and open to contamination

56. 2 East	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.117*	Toilet Fixtures: Urinal dirty
57. 2 East	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Window cracked on door
58. 2 East	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged at entrance
59. 2 East	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5
60. 2 East	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair; hot water control damaged at handwash sink # 3
61. 2 East	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.117*	Toilet Fixtures: Urinal # 1 and 2 dirty
62. 2 East	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, faucet loose at handwash sink # 9
63. 2 East	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, hot water control not working appropriately at handwash sink # 10, 13, and 14
64. 2 East	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 10
65. Training Area	Staff Bathroom # 037	105 CMR 451.110(A)*	Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No paper towels at handwash sink

Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

9 new deficiencies and 29 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an *) were found during the inspection:

1. 1 West	Storage Room	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged
2. 1 West	Storage Room	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold on ceiling
3. 1 West	Offices	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged
4. 1 West	Main Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged outside laundry room
5. 1 West	Dorms	105 CMR 451.320*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms
6. 1 East	Storage	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged
7. 1 East	Storage	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged
8. 1 East	Storage	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold on walls
9. 1 East	Main Area	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged behind officer's station
10. 1 East	Dorms	105 CMR 451.320*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms
11. 1 East	Dorms	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles missing in dorm # 146
12. 1 East	Dorms	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged in dorm # 142
13. 2nd Floor		105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged
14. 2nd Floor		105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged
15. 2 West	Main Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Baseboard damaged

16. 2 West	Main Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged
17. 2 West	Main Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged
18. 2 West	Main Area	105 CMR 451.350	Structural Maintenance: Window cracked at entrance
19. 2 West	Main Area	105 CMR 451.360	Protective Measures: Building not protected against infestation, drain flies observed throughout
20. 2 West	Mechanical Room	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged
21. 2 West	Mechanical Room	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall surface damaged
22. 2 West	Mechanical Room	105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Ceiling leaking
23. 2 West	Classroom	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Baseboard missing
24. 2 West	Dorm Hallway	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged
25. 2 West	Janitor's Closet	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged
26. 2 West	Janitor's Closet	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in sink
27. 2 West	Dorms	105 CMR 451.320*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms
28. 2 West	Dorms	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Door handle damaged in dorm # 208
29. 2 West	Dorms	105 CMR 451.360	Protective Measures: Building not protected against infestation, drain flies observed in dorm # 212
30. 2 West	Dorm Hallway	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged
31. 2 East	Storage	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged
32. 2 East	Storage	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold on duct work
33. 2 East	Main Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged
34. 2 East	Main Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Water fountain rusted
35. 2 East	Dorm Hallway	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged
36. 2 East	Janitor's Closet	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket
37. 2 East	Dorms	105 CMR 451.320*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms
38. Training Area		105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles missing and damaged

SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance

EHRS inspected 19 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance.

Section 3: Areas EHRS did not inspect

EHRS inspected all areas of the facility.

SECTION 4: Plan 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. The Plan of Correction must include:

1. Specific corrective steps to be taken
2. A timetable for the corrective actions for larger projects
3. The date by which correction will be achieved
4. Any interim measures being implemented to ensure the health and safety of incarcerated individuals and facility staff
5. The plan should be signed by the Superintendent or Administrator and submitted to my attention, at the address listed above.

SECTION 4: Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 190 at the time of inspection.
2. During the inspection, EHRS found many shower identification tags damaged or painted over making them difficult or impossible to read. EHRS recommended implementing a numbering system for all toilet and shower stalls to allow EHRS and Correctional staff to better recognize where issues exist.
3. Throughout the facility, bathrooms and shower areas were observed to be poorly maintained resulting in unsanitary conditions. EHRS is concerned with the increased risk of disease transmission with the high number of inmates being exposed to such unsanitary conditions. EHRS recommend ensuring all bathroom and shower areas are finished with smooth and easily cleanable surfaces as well as developing a higher frequency shower cleaning policy.

To review the specific regulatory requirements please visit our website at www.mass.gov/dph/dcs and click on "Correctional Facilities" [105 CMR 451.000](#) is available in both PDF and RTF formats. For more specific information about the food standards, you can download the merged food code, which can be found [here](#).

An inspection may also include observations of other conditions which could constitute a threat to the health or safety of inmates or employees, including but not limited to the standards set forth by the Department as follows, and report on such pursuant to 451.402(B). You can use these links below to review these standards:

- [105 CMR 205.000](#): Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities
- [105 CMR 480.000](#): Minimum requirements for the Management of Medical or Biological Waste
- [105 CMR 500.000](#): Good Manufacturing Practices for Food

This inspection report is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Sincerely,



Patrick Wallace
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