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April 9, 2015

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 Modular Building, 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 Modular Building on March 24, 2015 accompanied by Lieutenant Andrew Mitzan, EHSO. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 19 repeat violations:

**HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

(\* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

**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\*  
105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing  
Interior Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

*Bathroom 1 (right side)*

105 CMR 451.121(A)\*  
105 CMR 451.123  
105 CMR 451.123

Privacy: Missing privacy partition between toilets and showers  
Maintenance: Shower area wall vents dusty  
Maintenance: Walls dirty in all showers

*Bathroom 2 (left side)*

105 CMR 451.121(A)\*  
105 CMR 451.123

Privacy: Missing privacy partition between showers and toilets  
Maintenance: Floor dirty

*Dorms*

105 CMR 451.322\*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms

**1 East**

*Laundry*

No Violations Noted

*Storage*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing

*Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor's Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Bathroom 1 (right side)*

105 CMR 451.121(A)\*  
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Privacy: Missing privacy partition between showers and toilets  
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*Bathroom 2 (left side)*

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Privacy: Missing privacy partition between showers and toilets  
Maintenance: Shower area wall vents dusty

*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\*

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling

*Bathroom 1 (right side)*  
105 CMR 451.121(A)\* Privacy: Missing privacy partition between showers and toilets  
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower area

*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)\* Privacy: No privacy partition between toilets and showers

*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*  
105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

*Bathroom # 2*  
105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

No Violations Noted

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The combined inmate population between the House of Correction and the Modular Building 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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