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Paul Heroux, 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 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 September 25, 2024, accompanied by Lieutenant Andrew Mitzan, Environmental Health and Safety Officer, in accordance with Department regulations 105 CMR 451.000: Minimum Health and Sanitation Standards and Inspection Procedures for Correctional Facilities.

The inspection identified 120 total deficiencies: 43 new deficiencies under the Required Standards (.100 and .200 series), 37 repeat deficiencies under the Required Standards, 18 new deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series), and 22 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 Violations**

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

A total of 43 new deficiencies and 38 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an \*) were found during the inspection:

1.	1 West	Staff Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty
2.	1 West	Bathroom 1 (Right side)	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink #7 out-of-order
3.	1 West	Bathroom 1 (Right side)	105 CMR 451.117*	Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty at urinal
4.	1 West	Bathroom 2 (Left side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor epoxy damaged under toilet #5
5.	1 West	Bathroom 2 (Left side)	105 CMR 451.117*	Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty at urinal #1 and 2
6.	1 East	Staff Bathroom	105 CMR 451.110(A)	Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No paper towels at handwash sink
7.	1 East	Bathroom 1 (Right side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty
8.	1 East	Bathroom 1 (Right side)	105 CMR 451.126	Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: No hot water supplied to handwash sink #4
9.	1 East	Bathroom 1 (Right side)	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink #1 leaking
10.	1 East	Bathroom 1 (Right side)	105 CMR 451.117*	Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty at urinal
11.	1 East	Bathroom 1 (Right side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor epoxy damaged
12.	1 East	Bathroom 1 (Right side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower #1
13.	1 East	Bathroom 2 (Left side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 7, 8, and 9
14.	1 East	Bathroom 2 (Left side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall vent dusty
15.	1 East	Bathroom 2 (Left side)	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, floor drain clogged in shower #6
16.	1 East	Bathroom 2 (Left side)	105 CMR 451.117*	Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty at urinal # 1 and 2
17.	1 East	Bathroom 2 (Left side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Light shields rusted
18.	1 East	Bathroom 2 (Left side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor surface damaged at entrance
19.	1 East	Bathroom 2 (Left side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Partition paint damaged in shower # 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10
20.	1 East	Bathroom 2 (Left side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 6 and 10
21.	2 West	Staff Bathroom	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty
22.	2 West	Bathroom 1 (Right side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 3 and 4
23.	2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Partition paint damaged in shower # 1
24.	2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap scum on walls in shower # 1, 2, 3, and 4
25.	2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Mold on walls in shower # 1, 2, 3, and 4
26.	2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Mold on floor in shower # 1, 2, 3, and 4
27.	2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, control damaged on handwash sink # 5 and 7
28.	2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Soap dispenser damaged

29. 2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, floor drain clogged in shower #1
30. 2 West	Bathroom 1 (Right side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Partition paint damaged in shower # 1
31. 2 West	Bathroom 1 (Right side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 1 and 2
32. 2 West	Bathroom 1 (Right side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 1 and 2
33. 2 West	Bathroom 1 (Right side)	105 CMR 451.130*	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink #7 running continuously
34. 2 West	Bathroom 1 (Right side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Light shields rusted
35. 2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Partition paint damaged in shower # 2, 3, 4, and 5
36. 2 West	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Floor epoxy damaged at entrance
37. 2 West	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.130	Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, urinal #1 not flushing appropriately
38. 2 West	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Floor dirty in shower # 8, 9, and 10
39. 2 West	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 8 and 9
40. 2 West	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Wall vent paint damaged
41. 2 West	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Wall surface damaged in several areas
42. 2 East	Staff Bathroom	105 CMR 451.110(A)	Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No paper towels at handwash sink
43. 2 East	Offices	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage/preparation/service not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty
44. 2 East	Offices	105 CMR 451.200	Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage/preparation/service not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, single-use plastic utensils left uncovered and open to contamination
45. 2 East	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.117*	Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty at urinal
46. 2 East	Bathroom 2 (left side)	105 CMR 451.117*	Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty at urinal # 1 and 2
47. Training Area	Staff Bathroom # 038	105 CMR 451.117	Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty
48. Training Area	Staff Bathroom # 037	105 CMR 451.117	Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty
49. Training Area	Staff Bathroom # 037	105 CMR 451.110(A)	Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No paper towels at handwash sink
50. Modular Kitchen	Walk-In Freezer	105 CMR 451.200	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary; ice observed on food packaging. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A). Corrected on-site

51. Modular Kitchen	Traulsen Refrigerators	105 CMR 451.200	Sources, Specifications; Specifications for Receiving: Food packaged not in good condition, damaged packages observed in right side refrigerator (PF). Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 3-202.15.	Corrected on-site
52. Modular Kitchen	Traulsen Refrigerators	105 CMR 451.200*	Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, gaskets dirty on left and right-side refrigerator. Standard found in 105 CMR 590; FC 6-501.12(A).	

#### Deficiencies under the Recommended Standards (.300 series)

A total of 18 new deficiencies and 21 repeat deficiencies (indicated by an \*) were found during the inspection:

1. 1 West	Storage Room	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Mold observed on ceiling
2. 1 West	Storage Room	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged
3. 1 West	Main Area	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged outside laundry room
4. 1 West	Main Area	105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Window cracked on door to dorm hallway
5. 1 West	Janitor's Closet	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle
6. 1 West	Dorms	105 CMR 451.322*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms
7. 1 East	Storage	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Mold on walls
8. 1 East	Janitor's Closet	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling damaged
9. 1 East	Storage Room	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall pain damaged
10. 1 East	Storage Room	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor paint damaged
11. 1 East	Dorms	105 CMR 451.322*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms
12. 1 East	Dorms	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles missing in dorm #146
13. 2nd Floor	Entire Floor	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged
14. 2nd Floor	Entire Floor	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged
15. 2nd Floor	Entire Floor	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged
16. 2nd Floor	Medical Room	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged
17. 2 West	Main Area	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged
18. 2 West	Main Area	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Chair upholstery damaged at officer's station
19. 2 West	Main Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Baseboard damaged
20. 2 West	Main Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint 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	Mechanical Room	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged
24. 2 West	Office Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water stained
25. 2 West	Janitor's Closet	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle

26. 2 West	Janitor's Closet	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket
27. 2 West	Janitor's Closet	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged
28. 2 West	Dorms	105 CMR 451.321*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms
29. 2 West	Dorms	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged in dorm hallway
30. 2 West	Dorms	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Mold observed on walls in dorm hallway
31. 2 West	Dorms	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Door handle damaged in dorm # 208
32. 2 East	Entrance	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged at entrance
33. 2 East	Storage	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Mold on duct work
34. 2 East	Storage	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged
35. 2 East	Main Area	105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged
36. 2 East	Main Area	105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Water fountain rusted
37. 2 East	Bathroom 1 (right side)	105 CMR 451.350*	Structural Maintenance: Window cracked on door
38. 2 East	Dorms	105 CMR 451.322*	Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorms
39. Training Area		105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: ceiling tiles missing and damaged

## **SECTION 2: Areas Found to be in Compliance**

EHRS inspected 21 additional areas of the facility which were found to be in compliance.

## **Section 3: Areas EHRS did not inspect**

EHRS did not inspect 2 areas of the facility because they were either in use, locked, or under construction.

Modular Kitchen	Staff Bathroom #013	Unable to Inspect – Not Used
Modular Kitchen	Staff Bathroom #011	Unable to Inspect – Not Used

## **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 227 at the time of inspection.
2. Throughout the facility, bathrooms and shower areas were observed to be poorly maintained resulting in unsanitary conditions. Of particular concern is the excessive amount of mold growth observed in the showers in 2 West unit. EHRS is concerned with the increased risk of disease transmission with the high number of inmates being exposed to such unsanitary conditions. We 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](http://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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