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Thomas M. Hodgson, Sheriff
Bristol County Sheriff's Office
Dartmouth Women's Center
400 Faunce Corner Road
North Dartmouth, MA 02747

Re: Facility Inspection - Dartmouth Women's Center, 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; 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 Sheriff's Office Dartmouth Women's Center on October 30, 2014 accompanied by Lieutenant Andrew Mitzan, EHSO. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 12 repeat violations:

HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS

(indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)*

Interior

Visiting Area

No Violations Noted

Lobby

No Violations Noted

Officer's Room

No Violations Noted

Male Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Female Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Control Room

No Violations Noted

Laundry

105 CMR 451.130*

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, sink leaking

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, pipe leaking behind dryer

Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Food Service Area*Dining*

105 CMR 451.353*

Interior Maintenance: Wall not maintained in good repair, paint peeling

Kitchen

No Violations Noted

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

A Wing*Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

Bathroom Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Showers

No Violations Noted

Day Room

No Violations Noted

Cells

105 CMR 451.321*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells

B Wing*Hallway*

No Violations Noted

Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Showers

No Violations Noted

Bathroom Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Cells

105 CMR 451.321*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells

Day Room

No Violations Noted

C Wing

Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Shower

105 CMR 451.130*

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower leaking at shower # 1

Bathroom Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Cells

105 CMR 451.321*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells

Day Room

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Floor paint peeling

D Wing

Bathroom

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, toilet out-of-order outside janitor's closet

Showers

No Violations Noted

Bathroom Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Cells

105 CMR 451.321*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells

Day Room

No Violations Noted

Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 80 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 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 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 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".

This inspection report is signed and certified under the pains and penalties of perjury.

Sincerely,



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