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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; 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 Dartmouth Women's Center on October 19, 2017 accompanied by Lieutenant Andrew Mitzen, Environmental Health and Safety Officer. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 6 repeat violations:

HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS

(* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

Control Room

No Violations Noted

Lobby

No Violations Noted

Visiting Area

No Violations Noted

Staff Break Room

105 CMR 451.344

Illumination in Habitable Areas: Light not functioning properly, light out

Male Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Female Bathroom

No Violations Noted

Laundry

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, 3-bay sink leaking

Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Food Service Area*Dining*

No Violations Noted

Kitchen

FC 4-903.11(A)(2)*

Protection of Clean Items, Storing: Single-service items not protected from contamination, utensils left uncovered under serving line

FC 6-301.12

Numbers and Capacity; Handwashing Facilities: No hand drying method available at handwashing sink, paper towels missing

Staff Bathroom

No Violations Noted

A Wing*Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Mold on ceiling

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*Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Mold on walls

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Wall paint damaged

Bathroom Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Showers

105 CMR 451.123*

Maintenance: Mold in grout in all showers

Day Room

No Violations Noted

Cells

105 CMR 451.321*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells

C Wing

Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Toilet partition rusted

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

D Wing

Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Mold on walls

Bathroom Janitor's Closet

No Violations Noted

Showers

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Mold in grout in all showers

Day Room

No Violations Noted

Cells

105 CMR 451.321* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all cells

Observations and Recommendations

1. The inmate population was 78 at the time of inspection.
2. During the inspection, the Department observed a simple numbering system implemented in all bathroom areas which assisted the Department identify where issues exist and will also assist correctional employees locate any noted violations. The Department recommends establishing this numbering system at all toilet and shower stalls throughout the entire institution.

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](#)".

To review the Labeling regulations please visit the Food Protection website at 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
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