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May 7, 2018

Kevin F. Coppinger, Sheriff

Essex County Sheriff’s Department Headquarters

20 Manning Avenue

Middleton, MA 01929

Re: Facility Inspection - Essex County Correctional Alternative Center, Lawrence

Dear Sheriff Coppinger:

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 Essex County Correctional Alternative Center on April 20, 2018 accompanied by Lieutenant Jamie Forcino. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 63 repeat violations:

**HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

(*\* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports*)

**Main Building**

**Nurse’s Office**

105 CMR 480.500(B)\* Procedures; Records; Record-Keeping Log: Generator did not maintain a record-keeping log for waste sent off-site for treatment

105 CMR 480.500(A)(3) Procedures; Records; Record-Keeping Log: Generator had no written documentation for blood borne pathogen training

105 CMR 480.500(A)(4) Procedures; Records; Record-Keeping Log: Generator had no written documentation of emergency contact information

*Storage Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Nurse’s Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

**Lobby**

No Violations Noted

*Control Room*

No Violations Noted

*Shift Commander’s Office*

No Violations Noted

*Parole Office*

No Violations Noted

*Parole Office Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Hallway*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Break Room*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room (downstairs in Break Room)*

No Violations Noted

**Second Floor Lobby**

*Deputy of Maintenance Office*

No Violations Noted

*Male Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Assistant Superintendent’s Office*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*Superintendent’s Office*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*Conference Room*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*Female Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Director of Programing Office*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

**South Side 1st Floor**

*Attorney Room*

No Violations Noted

*Work Release Waiting Area*

No Violations Noted

*Work Release Office*

No Violations Noted

*Records Office*

105 CMR 451.200 Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty

*Female Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling tile damaged

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Window shade damaged

105 CMR 451.126 Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 1030F

*Male Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water damaged

*Offices*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

**Intake Area**

*Urine Lab*

No Violations Noted

*Shake Down Rooms*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Cobwebs on ceiling

**South Side 2nd Floor**

*Hallway*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S201*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Room # S202*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screens missing

*Room # S203*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged

*Room # S204*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screens missing

*Room # S205*

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged

*Room # S206*

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screens missing

*Room # S207*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Room # S208*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged

*Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S209*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged

*Room # S210*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screens missing

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged

105 CMR 451.102 Pillows and Linens: Pillow damaged

105 CMR 451.101 Blankets: Blanket damaged

*Room # S211*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room*

No Violations Noted

**South Side 3rd Floor**

*Hallway*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing

*Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Lieutenant’s Office*

No Violations Noted

*Investigator’s Office*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*Hallway*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing

*Room # S301*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screens missing

*Room # S302*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Door damaged near door knob

*Property Room*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S303*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Room # S304*

105 CMR 451.103\* Mattresses: Mattress damaged

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screens missing

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged

*Room # S305*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Door damaged

*Inmate Bathroom*

Unable to Inspect – No Longer In Use

**North Side 1st Floor**

*Dining Room*

FC 6-501.11\* Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, paint damaged on window sill near vending machines

FC 6-202.15(A)(2)\* Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Windows not weathertight and structurally sound, window broken

*Ice Machine*

No Violations Noted

*Tray Room*

FC 6-501.12(A)\* Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, mold observed on wall behind warewash machine

FC 6-501.12(A)\* Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, rodent droppings observed

FC 4-501.15 Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Warewashing machine not operating in accordance with manufacturer’s instructions, water leaking from door

FC 4-501.114(A) Maintenance and Operation; Equipment: Chlorine sanitizer solution tested greater than recommended concentration

FC 6-301.12 Numbers and Capacity; Handwashing Facilities: No hand drying method available at handwashing sink, no paper towels

*Male Visitor’s Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Female Visitor’s Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

**Kitchen**

**Back Serving Area**

FC 6-501.12(A)\* Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, rodent droppings observed

*2-Door Refrigerator*

No Violations Noted

*Serving/Prep Tables*

FC 3-305.11(A)(3) Preventing Contamination from Premises: Food stored in an inappropriate location, food stored less than 6 inches from the floor, boxes of chips on floor

*Chemical Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Dry Storage Closet*

FC 3-302.11(A)(4) Preventing Food and Ingredient Contamination: Preventing cross contamination, food not appropriately covered, sugar and flour not stored in covered container

*Freezer (F2)*

FC 4-501.11(A) Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, excessive ice build-up on floor

FC 3-305.11(A)(2) Preventing Contamination from Premises: Food exposed to ice, build-up on boxes of frozen fried patties

*Walk-in Refrigerator and Freezer (same unit)*

FC 4-501.11(A)\* Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, excessive ice build-up on floor and shelves

FC 3-305.11(A)(2) Preventing Contamination from Premises: Food exposed to ice, build-up on boxes of chicken and beef patties

**Main Kitchen Area**

*Office*

No Violations Noted

*Prep Tables*

No Violations Noted

*Loading Dock*

FC 6-202.15(A)(3)\* Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Outer door not weather and vermin tight

*2-Compartment Sink (Left)*

No Violations Noted

*2-Compartment Sink (Center)*

No Violations Noted

*2-Compartment Sink (Right)*

No Violations Noted

*Handwash Sink*

No Violations Noted

*Steamer*

No Violations Noted

*Ovens and Hoods*

No Violations Noted

*Kettles*

FC 6-501.11\* Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, floor damaged around kettles

*Slop Sink*

FC 6-501.16 Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Wet mop stored in bucket

*Ice Machine*

No Violations Noted

**North Side 2nd Floor**

*Counselor’s Office*

Unable to Inspect – Not Used

*Inmate Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, unfinished

105 CMR 451.117\* Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures # 1-5 dirty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Sinks # 1-5 dirty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling dirty

*Hallway (Next to Barber Shop)*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged

105 CMR 451.141\* Screens: Screen missing

*Storage Room (Next to Barber Shop)*

No Violations Noted

*Barber Shop*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, hot water handle damaged

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Hair trimmers dirty

*Room # N201*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Room # N202*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Hole in ceiling

105 CMR 451.344\* Illumination in Habitable Areas: Light not functioning properly, light out

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screens missing

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged

*Room # N203*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Room # N204*

105 CMR 451.141\* Screens: Screens missing

*Room # N205*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screens missing

*Room # N206*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screens damaged

*Room # N207*

No Violations Noted

*Room # N209*

105 CMR 451.141\* Screens: Screens missing

*Room # N210*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Light shields missing

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Two mattresses damaged

**North Side 3rd Floor**

*Hallway*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing

*Room # N301*

No Violations Noted

*Room # N302*

105 CMR 451.101 Blankets: Blanket damaged

*Room # N303*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Window sill paint damaged

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged above bed # 4

*Room # N304*

No Violations Noted

*Room # N305*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Room # N306*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.126\* Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 710F at handwash sink

105 CMR 451.110(A)\* Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No paper towels at handwash sinks

105 CMR 451.130\* Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, faucet corroded at handwash sink # 1

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Light shields missing

105 CMR 451.117 Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty in stall # 1

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Room # N307*

No Violations Noted

*Room # N308*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

**Basement**

*Laundry*

No Violations Noted

*Tunnel near Laundry*

No Violations Noted

**Maintenance Cage**

105 CMR 451.350\* Structural Maintenance: Ceiling open and exposed outside of maintenance cage

*Sewing Room*

No Violations Noted

*Maintenance Area*

No Violations Noted

*Maintenance Office*

105 CMR 451.200\* Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, no functional thermometer in refrigerator

105 CMR 451.350\* Structural Maintenance: Ceiling open and exposed outside of maintenance office

*Maintenance Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Chemical Room*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottles

**Main Bathroom**

*Toilets and Handwash Sinks*

105 CMR 451.126 Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 740F

105 CMR 451.117 Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty in stall # 3, 8, and 9

*Main Shower*

105 CMR 451.121(A)\* Privacy: No privacy partition between showers

105 CMR 451.130\* Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, showerhead leaking at shower # 10

*Slop Sink*

No Violations Noted

**Re-entry (off of Gym)**

*Office*

105 CMR 451.200\* Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, inside of refrigerator door damaged

105 CMR 451.200\* Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty

*Re-entry Dorm Room*

105 CMR 451.322\* Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in dorm room

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water stained

105 CMR 451.103\* Mattresses: Mattress damaged at bed # 17

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged at bed # 11 and 14

105 CMR 451.102 Pillows and Linens: Pillow damaged in cell # 13

*Microwave Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Re-entry Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.126\* Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 670F

105 CMR 451.360 Protective Measures: Dead mouse observed

*Re-entry Shower Room*

105 CMR 451.121(A)\* Privacy: No privacy partition between showers

105 CMR 451.130\* Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, showerhead leaking at shower # 3

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, showerhead leaking at shower # 2

**Officer’s Weight Room**

105 CMR 451.350\* Structural Maintenance: Ceiling exposed and water damaged

*Female Staff Locker Room*

No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged

*Male Staff Locker Room*

No Violations Noted

**Gym**

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged

105 CMR 451.350\* Structural Maintenance: Exterior doors not rodent and weathertight

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Debris behind vending machines

105 CMR 451.200 Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty

105 CMR 451.360 Protective Measures: Birds observed

105 CMR 451.360 Protective Measures: Bird droppings observed

**Hallway**

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Exterior doors not rodent and weathertight

*Male Bathroom # 105*

No Violations Noted

*Female Bathroom # 106*

105 CMR 451.117 Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixture dirty

*Contractor’s Office*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*K-9 Office*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles missing

**Garage**

105 CMR 451.350\* Structural Maintenance: Exterior doors not rodent and weathertight

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Roll down door not rodent and weathertight

**Painting Garage**

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Exterior doors not rodent and weathertight

**Back Building**

*Classroom*

Unable to Inspect – In Use

*Office Area*

105 CMR 451.200 Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty

*Hallway*

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

*Bathroom*

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

*Dorm # 1 – 6*

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

*TV and Common Area*

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

**Annex Building**

**First Floor**

*Dorm # 1*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged

*Dorm # 2*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Room*

No Violations Noted

*Handicapped Bathroom w/Shower*

105 CMR 451.117 Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixture dirty

**Second Floor**

*Resource Room*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged

*Dorm # 4*

No Violations Noted

*Office*

Unable to Inspect – Not in Use

**Basement**

*Counselor’s Offices*

No Violations Noted

*Library*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Urinals # 1-3 dirty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Sink # 1 and 7 dirty

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, sink # 2 out-of-order

*Slop Sink*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Shower Room*

105 CMR 451.121(A)\* Privacy: No privacy partition between showers

105 CMR 451.117 Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty in stall # 1-3

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Floor dirty

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 187 at the time of inspection.
2. The Back Building was undergoing renovations and no inmates were housed in the building at the time of inspection.
3. The Re-Entry Area in the Gym was locked and not in use at the time of inspection.

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](http://www.cfsan.fda.gov/%7Edms/fc99-toc.html)”.

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,

Amy Medeiros, MPH

Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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