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Kevin F. Coppinger, Sheriff
Essex County Sheriff's Department Headquarters
20 Manning Avenue
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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

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| 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

<i>Control Room</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Shift Commander's Office</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Parole Office</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Parole Office Bathroom</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Hallway</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Staff Break Room</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage Room (downstairs in Break Room)</i>	No Violations Noted
Second Floor Lobby	
<i>Deputy of Maintenance Office</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Male Staff Bathroom</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Assistant Superintendent's Office</i>	Unable to Inspect – Locked
<i>Superintendent's Office</i>	Unable to Inspect – Locked
<i>Conference Room</i>	Unable to Inspect – Locked
<i>Female Staff Bathroom</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Director of Programing Office</i>	Unable to Inspect – Locked
South Side 1st Floor	
<i>Attorney Room</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Work Release Waiting Area</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Work Release Office</i>	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 103°F

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
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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
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Room # N204

105 CMR 451.141*	Screens: Screens missing
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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
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Room # N207

No Violations Noted

Room # N209

105 CMR 451.141*	Screens: Screens missing
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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
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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 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,



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