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Kevin F. Coppinger, Sheriff

Essex County Sheriff’s Department Headquarters

20 Manning Avenue

Middleton, MA 01929 (electronic copy)

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: Minimum Requirements for the Management of 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 2013 Food Code; 105 CMR 500.000 Good Manufacturing Practices for Food; and 105 CMR 205.000 Minimum Standards Governing Medical Records and the Conduct of Physical Examinations in Correctional Facilities; the Department’s Community Sanitation Program (CSP) conducted an inspection of the Essex County Correctional Alternative Center on February 26, 2024 accompanied by Sean Gallagher, Director of Operations, Captain James Comeau, and Lieutenant Joe DiPietro. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 7 repeat violations.

Should you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Hannah LeBeau

Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BCEH

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

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

**MAIN BUILDING**

**Nurse’s Office**

No Violations Noted

*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

*Bathroom (near Shift Commander Office)*

Unable to Inspect – In Use

*Hallway (Attorney Rooms)*

No Violations Noted

*Staff 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 Programming Office*

No Violations Noted

**South Side 1st Floor**

*Attorney Rooms*

No Violations Noted

*Work Release Waiting Area*

No Violations Noted

*Counselor’s Office*

No Violations Noted

*Records Office*

No Violations Noted

*Parole Office*

Unable to Inspect - Locked

*Female Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Male Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Offices*

No Violations Noted

**Intake Area**

*Urine Lab*

No Violations Noted

*Shake Down Rooms*

No Violations Noted

**South Side 2nd Floor**

*Hallway*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S201*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S202*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S203*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S204*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S205*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S206*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S207*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S208*

No Violations Noted

*Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.126\* Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 89℉ at handwash sink

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Strong urine odor present

*Room # S209*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S210*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S211*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling damaged

*Storage Room*

No Violations Noted

**South Side 3rd Floor**

*Hallway*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Closet*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*Lieutenant’s Office*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*Investigator’s Office*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*Room # S301*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S302*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged

*Property Room*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*Room # S303*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S304*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S305*

No Violations Noted

*Hallway (outside Room # S305)*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.126\* Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 90℉ at handwash sink

**North Side 1st Floor**

*Dining Room*

No Violations Noted

*Ice Machine*

No Violations Noted

*Tray Room*

No Violations Noted

*Male Visitor’s Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.117 Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixture dirty

*Female Visitor’s Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

**KITCHEN**

**Serving Area**

No Violations Noted

*Refrigerators*

FC 4-601.11(C) Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Objective: Nonfood contact surfaces of equipment dirty, mold on gaskets in refrigerator # 3

FC 6-501.114(A) Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Non-functional equipment not repaired or removed from premises, refrigerator # 4 out-of-order

*Serving/Prep Tables*

No Violations Noted

*Office*

No Violations Noted

*Dry Storage Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Chemical Closet*

No Violations Noted

**Main Area**

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

FC 3-305.11(A)(2) Preventing Contamination from Premises: Food exposed to splash, dust, or other contamination, excessive ice buildup on boxes of food

FC 6-501.12(A) Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not cleaned as often as necessary, excessive ice buildup on floor

FC 6-501.11 Maintenance and Operation; Premises, Structure, Attachments, and Fixtures - Methods: Facility not in good repair, ceiling leaking in freezer

*Office*

No Violations Noted

*Pan Storage*

FC 4-901.11(A) Protection of Clean Items; Drying: Cleaned, sanitized equipment and utensils not allowed to fully air dry, wet pans stored on rack

*Prep Tables*

No Violations Noted

*Loading Dock*

No Violations Noted

*2-Compartment Sink (Left)*

FC 7-204.11(A) Operational Supplies and Applications, Chemicals: Sanitizer for food-contact surface does not meet the requirements specified in 40 CFR 180.940P, sanitizing concentration too strong

*2-Compartment Sink (Center)*

No Violations Noted

*2-Compartment Sink (Right)*

No Violations Noted

*Steamer*

No Violations Noted

*Ovens and Hoods*

No Violations Noted

*Kettles*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink*

No Violations Noted

*Ice Machine*

FC 4-602.11(E)(4)(b) Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Frequency: Accumulation of soil/mold observed on interior surfaces of ice machine

**North Side 2nd Floor**

*Counselor’s Office*

Unable to Inspect – In Use

*Inmate Bathroom*

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

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling dirty throughout bathroom

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Walls dirty throughout bathroom

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Strong urine odor present

*Hallway (Next to Barber Shop)*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room (Next to Barber Shop)*

No Violations Noted

*Barber Shop*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle

*Room # N201*

No Violations Noted

*Room # N202*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged

*Room # N203*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Hole in ceiling tile

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Room # N204*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged

*Room # N205*

No Violations Noted

*Room # N206*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged

*Room # N207*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged

*Room # N209*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged

*Room # N210 (Left)*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Room # N210 (Right)*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

**North Side 3rd Floor (Unoccupied)**

Unable to Inspect – Locked

**BASEMENT**

*Laundry*

No Violations Noted

*Tunnel near Laundry*

No Violations Noted

**Maintenance Cage**

*Maintenance Storage*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

*Maintenance Area*

No Violations Noted

*Maintenance Office*

No Violations Noted

*Maintenance Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Chemical Room*

No Violations Noted

**Main Bathroom**

*Toilets and Handwash Sinks*

105 CMR 451.130\* Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink # 3 loose

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, handwash sink # 8 leaking

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Handwash sink # 8 dirty

*Main Shower*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Walls dirty in shower # 1, 7, and 10

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 3 leaking

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling dirty above all showers

*Slop Sink*

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, no hot water supplied to slop sink

**Print Shop (off of Gym)**

No Violations Noted

*Toilets and Handwash Sinks*

Unable to Inspect – Not Used

**Officer’s Weight Room**

No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Male Staff Bathroom*

Unable to Inspect – In Use

**Gym**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Padding damaged on all workout machines

**Barbershop (off of Gym)**

Unable to Inspect – Locked

**Hallway**

No Violations Noted

*Male Bathroom # 105*

No Violations Noted

*Female Bathroom # 106*

No Violations Noted

*Offices*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

**Janitorial Closet**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles missing

**Garage**

No Violations Noted

**Anti-Graffiti Garage**

No Violations Noted

**BACK BUILDING**

*Classroom*

No Violations Noted

*Office Area*

105 CMR 451.200 Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with

105 CMR 590.000, no functioning thermometer in refrigerator

*Living Area (Unoccupied)*

No Violations Noted

**ANNEX (Unoccupied)**

**First Floor**

*Dorm # 1*

No Violations Noted

*Library (Old Dorm # 2)*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Room/Auditorium*

No Violations Noted

*Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Handicapped Bathroom w/ Shower*

No Violations Noted

**Second Floor**

*Resource Room # 3*

No Violations Noted

*Dorm # 4*

No Violations Noted

*Office*

No Violations Noted

**Basement**

*C-Tech Classroom*

No Violations Noted

*Old Library/GED Room*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, urinal # 3 clogged

*Inmate Shower Room*

No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink*

No Violations Noted

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 99 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 or download a copy, please visit the Food Protection website at [www.mass.gov/dph/fpp](http://www.mass.gov/dph/fpp) and click on "Retail food". Then under DPH Regulations and FDA Code click "Merged Food Code" or "105 CMR 590.000 - State Sanitary Code Chapter X - Minimum Sanitation Standards for Food Establishments".

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 Program regulations”. Then under Food Processing click “105 CMR 500.000: Good Manufacturing Practices for Food”.

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

Sincerely,

Hannah LeBeau Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BCEH