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February 15, 2023

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 8, 2023 accompanied by

Sean Gallagher, Director of Operations. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 14 repeat violations:

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

 Sincerely,

 Shanene Pierce

 Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

cc: Margret R. Cooke, Commissioner, DPH

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

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

**Main Building**

**Nurse’s Office**

105 CMR 480.425(A) Tracking Medical or Biological Waste for Treatment: Generator did not confirm the shipment was received by the treatment facility within 30 days on an approved tracking form

*Storage Closet*

 No Violations Noted

*Nurse’s Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.126 Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 95℉ at handwash sink

**Lobby**

 No Violations Noted

*Control Room*

 No Violations Noted

*Shift Commander’s Office*

 No Violations Noted

*Bathroom (near Shift Commander Office)*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Cover missing on electrical outlet above handwash sink

*Hallway*

 No Violations Noted

*Staff Break Room*

105 CMR 451.126\* Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 100℉ at handwash sink

**Second Floor Lobby**

*Deputy of Maintenance Office*

 No Violations Noted

*Male Staff Bathroom*

 No Violations Noted

*Assistant Superintendents Office*

 No Violations Noted

*Superintendent’s Office*

 No Violations Noted

*Conference Room*

 No Violations Noted

*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

*Work Release Office*

 No Violations Noted

*Bracelet Office*

 No Violations Noted

*Records Office*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged

*Reintegration Office*

 No Violations Noted

*Temporary Property Storage*

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 90℉ at handwash sink

*Room # S209*

 No Violations Noted

*Room # S210*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S211*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling cracked

*Storage Room*

 No Violations Noted

**South Side 3rd Floor**

*Hallway*

 No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom*

 No Violations Noted

*Storage Closet*

 No Violations Noted

*Lieutenant’s Office*

 No Violations Noted

*Investigator’s Office*

 No Violations Noted

*Hallway*

 No Violations Noted

*Room # S301*

 No Violations Noted

*Room # S302*

105 CMR 451.350\* Structural Maintenance: Window does not open and close properly

*Property Room*

 No Violations Noted

*Room # S303*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Light fixture cover damaged

*Room # S304*

 No Violations Noted

*Room # S305*

 No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom*

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

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Wall tiles missing near toilet

**North Side 1st Floor**

*Dining Room*

 No Violations Noted

*Ice Machine*

 No Violations Noted

*Tray Room*

**FC 4-501.114(A)\* Maintenance and Operation; Equipment: Chlorine Sanitizer solution tested lower than recommended concentration**

**FC 5-501.16(C) Refuse, Recyclables, and Returnables; Numbers and Capacities: No conveniently located waste receptacle at handwashing sink**

**FC 6-301.12 Numbers and Capacity; Handwashing Facilities: No hand drying method available at handwashing sink**

FC 4-501.11(A) Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, warewashing machine door leaking

*Male Visitor’s Bathroom*

 No Violations Noted

*Female Visitor’s Bathroom*

 No Violations Noted

**Kitchen**

*Back Serving Area*

 No Violations Noted

*Refrigerators*

 No Violations Noted

*Serving/Prep Tables*

 No Violations Noted

*Office*

 No Violations Noted

*Dry Storage Closet*

 No Violations Noted

*Chemical Closet*

 No Violations Noted

*Freezer (F2)*

FC 4-501.11(B)\* Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment components not maintained in a state of good repair, freezer gaskets dirty

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

 No Violations Noted

**Main Kitchen Area**

*Office*

 No Violations Noted

*Prep Tables*

 No Violations Noted

*Loading Dock*

 No Violations Noted

*2-Compartment Sink (Left)*

 No Violations Noted

*2-Compartment Sink (Center)*

 No Violations Noted

*2-Compartment Sink (Right)*

FC 4-501.11(B) Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment components not maintained in a state of good repair, caulking damaged on interior seams of sink

*Steamer*

 No Violations Noted

*Ovens and Hoods*

 No Violations Noted

*Kettles*

 No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink*

 No Violations Noted

*Ice Machine*

 No Violations Noted

**North Side 2nd Floor**

*Counselor’s Office*

 No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Sink basin not secured to countertop at handwash sink # 4 and 5

*Hallway (Next to Barber Shop)*

 No Violations Noted

*Storage Room (Next to Barber Shop)*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*Barber Shop*

 No Violations Noted

*Room # N201*

 No Violations Noted

*Room # N202*

 No Violations Noted

*Room # N203*

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

*Room # N204*

 No Violations Noted

*Room # N205*

 No Violations Noted

*Room # N206*

 No Violations Noted

*Room # N207*

 No Violations Noted

*Room # N209*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged near light switch

*Room # N210 (Left)*

 No Violations Noted

*Room # N210 (Right)*

 No Violations Noted

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

Unable to Inspect – Closed

**Basement**

*Laundry*

 No Violations Noted

*Tunnel near Laundry*

 No Violations Noted

**Maintenance Cage**

*Maintenance Storage*

 No Violations Noted

*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*

 No Violations Noted

*Main Shower*

Unable to Inspect – In Use

*Slop Sink*

 No Violations Noted

**Print Shop (off of Gym)**

105 CMR 451.350\* Structural Maintenance: Ceiling tiles damaged in hallway near exit door

*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*

 No Violations Noted

**Gym**

 No Violations Noted

**Barbershop (off of Gym)**

Unable to Inspect – Closed

**Hallway**

 No Violations Noted

*Male Bathroom # 105*

 No Violations Noted

*Female Bathroom # 106*

 No Violations Noted

*Offices*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

**Janitorial Closet**

 No Violations Noted

**Garage**

 No Violations Noted

**Anti-Graffiti Garage**

 No Violations Noted

**Back Building**

*Classroom*

 No Violations Noted

*Office Area*

 No Violations Noted

**Living Area (Unoccupied)**

Unable to Inspect – Closed

**Annex Building (Unoccupied)**

**First Floor**

*Dorm # 1*

 No Violations Noted

*Library (Old Dorm # 2)*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*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*

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

*Inmate Bathroom*

 No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink*

 No Violations Noted

*Inmate Shower Room*

 No Violations Noted

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 98 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,

 Shanene Pierce Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH