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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: 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 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 March 1, 2022 accompanied by

Lieutenant Joe Dipietro and Sean Gallagher, Environmental Health and Safety Officer. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 20 repeat violations:

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

Sincerely,

Text, letter

Description automatically generated with medium confidence

Shanene Pierce

Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BEH

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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*

105 CMR 451.383(B)\* Fire Safety System: Facility not in compliance with 780 CMR Massachusetts Building Code provisions for fire safety, items stored within 18 inches of the ceiling

*Nurse’s Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

**Lobby**

No Violations Noted

*Control Room*

No Violations Noted

*Shift Commander’s 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

*Bathroom (in Shift Commander Office)*

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

*Hallway*

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 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*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*Bracelet Office*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*Records Office*

No Violations Noted

*Reintegration Office*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*Temporary Property Storage*

No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Light out above sink

105 CMR 451.117 Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixture dirty

*Male Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling water damaged

*Offices*

No Violations Noted

**Intake Area**

*Urine Lab*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Shake Down Rooms*

No Violations Noted

**South Side 2nd Floor**

*Hallway*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S201*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*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*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged, above bed on left side of dorm

*Room # S208*

Unable to Inspect – Closed

*Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.126 Hot Water for Bathing and Hygiene: No hot water supplied to handwash sink

*Room # S209*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S210*

Unable to Inspect – Not Used

*Room # S211*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling cracked

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged where doorway used to be

*Storage Room*

No Violations Noted

**South Side 3rd Floor**

*Hallway*

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Handrail loose at top of 3rd floor landing

*Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Lieutenant’s Office*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*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*

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

*Room # S304*

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

*Room # S305*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: One light fixture out

*Inmate Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.126 Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 83.5℉ at handwash sink

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: One light out

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*

No Violations Noted

*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)*

No Violations Noted

*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)*

No Violations Noted

*Handwash Sink*

No Violations Noted

*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: Toilet fixture missing toilet seat in stall # 2

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Faucet missing handle at handwash sink # 1

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Faucet leaking at handwash sink # 1, 3, and 4

*Hallway (Next to Barber Shop)*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Storage Room (Next to Barber Shop)*

No Violations Noted

*Barber Shop*

No Violations Noted

*Room # N201*

No Violations Noted

*Room # N202*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Bottom of wall damaged under light switch

*Room # N203*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Hole in ceiling tile

*Room # N204*

No Violations Noted

*Room # N205*

No Violations Noted

*Room # N206*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Room # N207*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Cover missing on electrical outlet next to bed

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged by electrical switch

*Room # N209*

No Violations Noted

*Room # N210 (Left)*

Unable to Inspect – Not Used

*Room # N210 (Right)*

No Violations Noted

**North Side 3rd Floor**

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

**Basement**

*Laundry*

No Violations Noted

*Tunnel near Laundry*

No Violations Noted

**Maintenance Cage**

*Maintenance Storage*

No Violations Noted

*Maintenance Area*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical plastic pump sprayer

105 CMR 451.200 Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, mold observed on white refrigerator gaskets

*Maintenance Office*

No Violations Noted

*Maintenance Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.117 Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixture dirty

*Chemical Room*

No Violations Noted

**Main Bathroom**

*Toilets and Handwash Sinks*

No Violations Noted

*Main Shower*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling vent cover missing above shower # 2

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 14 leaking

105 CMR 451.130\* Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 15 leaking

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

*Slop Sink*

No Violations Noted

**Print Shop (off of Gym)**

105 CMR 451.350\* Structural Maintenance: Ceiling access panel not secured in storage area

*Toilets and Handwash Sinks*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling tile missing

**Officer’s Weight Room**

No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Male Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.117 Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixture dirty

**Gym**

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Door # 1 West not rodent and weathertight

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Door # 2 East not rodent and weathertight

**Hallway**

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling damaged near light fixture outside male bathroom

*Male Bathroom # 105*

No Violations Noted

*Female Bathroom # 106*

No Violations Noted

*Offices*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

**Garage**

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

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Right exterior door not rodent and weathertight

**Anti-Graffiti Garage**

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

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

**Back Building**

*Classroom*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: One screen missing

*Office Area*

105 CMR 451.350\* Structural Maintenance: Window sill water damaged where AC unit is installed

**Living Area (Occupied)**

Unable to Inspect – Quarantine/Isolation Unit

**Annex Building (Unoccupied)**

**First Floor**

*Dorm # 1*

No Violations Noted

*Dorm # 2*

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

*Visiting Room/Auditorium*

No Violations Noted

*Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Handicapped Bathroom w/Shower*

No Violations Noted

**Second Floor**

*Resource Room*

No Violations Noted

*Dorm # 4*

Unable to Inspect – Not Used

*Office*

No Violations Noted

**Basement**

*C-Tech Classroom*

No Violations Noted

*Library/GED Room*

Unable to Inspect – In Use

*Staff Bathroom*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*Inmate Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Faucet leaking at handwash sink # 3

*Slop Sink*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Shower Room*

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

105 CMR 451.130\* Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 2 leaking

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 64 at the time of inspection.
2. The Living Area of the Back Building is the COVID-19 quarantine/isolation area. There were 13 inmates housed in the Living Area at the time of the 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