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April 2, 2019

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; I conducted an inspection of the Essex County Correctional Alternative Center on March 20, 2019 accompanied by Sergeant Chris Goudreault. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 96 repeat violations:

**HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

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

**Main Building**

**Nurse’s Office**

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

105 CMR 480.500(A)(5)\* Procedures; Records; Record-Keeping Log: Generator had no written documentation for all on-site waste storage areas including the capacity and duration of waste storage

*Storage Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Nurse’s Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

**Lobby**

No Violations Noted

*Control Room*

No Violations Noted

*Shift Commander’s Office*

Unable to Inspect –Under Construction

*Parole Office*

No Violations Noted

*Bathroom (in Parole Office)*

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*

No Violations Noted

*Superintendent’s Office*

No Violations Noted

*Conference Room*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Female Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

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

*Reintegration Office*

No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Male Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling water damaged

*Offices*

No Violations Noted

**Intake Area**

*Urine Lab*

No Violations Noted

*Shake Down Rooms*

No Violations Noted

**South Side 2nd Floor**

*Hallway*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Room # S201*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Room # S202*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Room # S203*

105 CMR 451.141\* Screens: Screen missing

*Room # S204*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged

*Room # S205*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged

*Room # S206*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Room # S207*

105 CMR 451.141\* Screens: Screen damaged

*Room # S208*

No Violations Noted

*Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S209*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Heater rusted

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged

*Room # S210*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*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*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*Lieutenant’s Office*

No Violations Noted

*Investigator’s Office*

No Violations Noted

*Hallway*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S301*

105 CMR 451.340 Illumination: Insufficient lighting, light out

*Room # S302*

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

*Property Room*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*Room # S303*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Outlet faceplate missing

*Room # S304*

105 CMR 451.340 Illumination: Insufficient lighting, light out

*Room # S305*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Door damaged

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged

105 CMR 451.340 Illumination: Insufficient lighting, light out

*Inmate Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Light switch damaged

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Wires exposed on light

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Sink dirty

**North Side 1st Floor**

*Dining Room*

No Violations Noted

*Ice Machine*

FC 4-602.11(E)(4)(b)\* Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Frequency: Interior surfaces of ice machine dirty

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

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

*Male Visitor’s Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Wall vent dusty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Changing table dirty

*Female Visitor’s Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Wall vent dusty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Changing table dirty

**Kitchen**

**Back Serving Area**

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

*3-Door Refrigerator*

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

FC 3-501.16(B)\* Limitation of Growth of Organisms, Temperature and Time Control: Refrigerator temperature recorded at 460F

*Serving/Prep Tables*

No Violations Noted

*Chemical Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Dry Storage Closet*

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

FC 3-304.12(A) Preventing Contamination from Utensils: Service utensils handle stored below the food and container line, cups stored in products

*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

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

*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 frozen fried patties

**Main Kitchen Area**

*Office*

No Violations Noted

*Prep Tables*

FC 6-501.12(A)\* Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, wall fan dirty over prep tables

*Loading Dock*

No Violations Noted

*2-Compartment Sink (Left)*

No Violations Noted

*2-Compartment Sink (Center)*

No Violations Noted

*2-Compartment Sink (Right)*

FC 6-202.15(D)(1) Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Screens not installed in exterior window above 2-compartment sink

*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*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*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

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

105 CMR 451.126 Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 850F

*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

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Hair trimmers dirty

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

*Room # N201*

No Violations Noted

*Room # N202*

105 CMR 451.340\* Illumination: Insufficient lighting, light out

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Room # N203*

105 CMR 451.340 Illumination: Insufficient lighting, light out

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged

*Room # N204*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Room # N205*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Room # N206*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Door knob damaged

*Room # N207*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Outlet cover missing

*Room # N209*

105 CMR 451.340 Illumination: Insufficient lighting, light out

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling cracked

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Room # N210*

105 CMR 451.340 Illumination: Insufficient lighting, light out

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged

**North Side 3rd Floor**

*Hallway*

No Violations Noted

*Room # N301*

No Violations Noted

*Room # N302*

105 CMR 451.340 Illumination: Insufficient lighting, light out

*Room # N303*

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

*Room # N304*

No Violations Noted

*Room # N305*

No Violations Noted

*Room # N306*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Closet*

No Violations Noted

*Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.126\* Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 980F at handwash sink

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Sink # 1-4 dirty

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: One light out

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, sink # 4 leaking

*Room # N307*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing

105 CMR 451.340 Illumination: Insufficient lighting, light out

*Room # N308*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Exposed wires in ceiling light

**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*

105 CMR 451.200\* Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, coffee maker dirty

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Water in mop bucket

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

*Maintenance Office*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*Maintenance Bathroom*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*Chemical Room*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Ceiling damaged

**Main Bathroom**

*Toilets and Handwash Sinks*

105 CMR 451.117\* Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty in stall # 1-9

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Sink # 1 and 3 dirty

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling tiles damaged

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, sink # 7 and 8 out-of-order

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

*Main Shower*

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

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 5, 11, and 13 leaking

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 9 out-of-order

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Drain flies observed

*Slop Sink*

No Violations Noted

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

Unable to Inspect –Not in Use

**Officer’s Weight Room**

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

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Equipment padding damaged

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Mop in bucket

*Female Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling damaged

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Wall paint damaged

*Male Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Shower curtain damaged

**Gym**

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged

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

105 CMR 451.200\* 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: Bird droppings observed

105 CMR 451.344 Illumination in Habitable Areas: Inadequate lighting, 3 lights out

105 CMR 451.372 Garbage Storage: No tight fitting cover on receptacle, birds observed flying in and out of trash can

**Hallway**

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

*Male Bathroom # 105*

No Violations Noted

*Female Bathroom # 106*

No Violations Noted

*Contractor’s Office*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*K-9 Office*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

**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*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screens missing

*Office Area*

No Violations Noted

**Living Area**

Unable to Inspect – Not in Use

**Annex Building**

**First Floor**

*Dorm # 1*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged

*Dorm # 2*

105 CMR 451.103 Mattresses: Mattress damaged

*Visiting Room*

No Violations Noted

*Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.126 Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 970F

*Handicapped Bathroom w/Shower*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Shower floor dirty

**Second Floor**

*Resource Room*

No Violations Noted

*Dorm # 4*

Unable to Inspect –Not Used

*Office*

No Violations Noted

**Basement**

*NETTP*

No Violations Noted

*Library/GED Room*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Sink # 1-7 dirty

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

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Standing water in toilet stall # 4 and 5

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, 1 urinal out-of-order

*Slop Sink*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Caulking around slop sink moldy

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

*Inmate Shower Room*

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

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Floor dirty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Wall paint damaged

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 2, 3, and 12 leaking

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 231 at the time of inspection.
2. The Back Building was closed and no inmates were housed in the building at the time of inspection. The Department recommends thoroughly cleaning this area prior to housing inmates.
3. The Re-Entry Area in the Gym was locked and not in use at the time of inspection. The Department recommends thoroughly cleaning this area prior to housing inmates.
4. It was stated at the time of inspection Wellpath is providing healthcare services.
5. There was no updated Blood Borne Pathogen Training documentation specific to the Essex County Correctional Alternative Center on file for anyone who is designated to handle medical or biological waste, according to 105 CMR 480.500(A)(3) you are required to have documentation of these individuals, including inmates. The Department requests this information be kept in a 3 ring binder in an area that is accessible to anyone who may require it.
6. At the time of inspection policies and procedures specific to Essex County pertaining to compliance with 105 CMR 480.000 were unable to be located. The Department recommends these policies and procedures be kept in a 3 ring binder in an area that is accessible to anyone who may require it.

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,



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