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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 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*

105 CMR 451.141

Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged

Screens: Screen damaged

Room # S206

105 CMR 451.141

Screens: Screen missing

Room # S207

105 CMR 451.141*

Screens: Screen damaged

<i>Room # S208</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Bathroom</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Room # S209</i> 105 CMR 451.353* 105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Heater rusted Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged
<i>Room # S210</i> 105 CMR 451.141	Screens: Screen missing
<i>Room # S211</i> 105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling cracked
<i>Storage Room</i>	No Violations Noted
South Side 3rd Floor	
<i>Hallway</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Staff Bathroom</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Storage Closet</i>	Unable to Inspect – Locked
<i>Lieutenant's Office</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Investigator's Office</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Hallway</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Room # S301</i> 105 CMR 451.340	Illumination: Insufficient lighting, light out
<i>Room # S302</i> 105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Door damaged near door knob
<i>Property Room</i>	Unable to Inspect – Locked
<i>Room # S303</i> 105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Outlet faceplate missing
<i>Room # S304</i> 105 CMR 451.340	Illumination: Insufficient lighting, light out

Room # S305

105 CMR 451.353*
105 CMR 451.141
105 CMR 451.353*
105 CMR 451.340

Interior Maintenance: Door damaged
Screens: Screen missing
Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged
Illumination: Insufficient lighting, light out

Inmate Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123
105 CMR 451.123
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Light switch damaged
Maintenance: Wires exposed on light
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*
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Wall vent dusty
Maintenance: Changing table dirty

Female Visitor's Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Wall vent dusty
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 46^oF

Serving/Prep Tables

No Violations Noted

Chemical Closet

No Violations Noted

<i>Dry Storage Closet</i>	
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
<i>Freezer (F2)</i>	
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
<i>Walk-in Refrigerator and Freezer (same unit)</i>	
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	
<i>Office</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Prep Tables</i>	
FC 6-501.12(A)*	Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, wall fan dirty over prep tables
<i>Loading Dock</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>2-Compartment Sink (Left)</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>2-Compartment Sink (Center)</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>2-Compartment Sink (Right)</i>	
FC 6-202.15(D)(1)	Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Screens not installed in exterior window above 2-compartment sink
<i>Handwash Sink</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Steamer</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Ovens and Hoods</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Kettles</i>	
	No Violations Noted
<i>Slop Sink</i>	
	No Violations Noted

Ice Machine

No Violations Noted

North Side 2nd Floor

Counselor's Office

105 CMR 451.353*
105 CMR 451.141

Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged
Screens: Screen missing

Inmate Bathroom

105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.117*
105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.126

Maintenance: Floor not easily cleanable, unfinished
Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures # 1-5 dirty
Maintenance: Sinks # 1-5 dirty
Maintenance: Ceiling dirty
Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty
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*
105 CMR 451.353*
105 CMR 451.110(A)

Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle
Interior Maintenance: Hair trimmers dirty
Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No paper towels at handwash sink

Room # N201

No Violations Noted

Room # N202

105 CMR 451.340*
105 CMR 451.353
105 CMR 451.141

Illumination: Insufficient lighting, light out
Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged
Screens: Screen missing

Room # N203

105 CMR 451.340
105 CMR 451.353

Illumination: Insufficient lighting, light out
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
105 CMR 451.353*
105 CMR 451.141

Illumination: Insufficient lighting, light out
Interior Maintenance: Ceiling cracked
Screens: Screen missing

Room # N210
105 CMR 451.340
105 CMR 451.141

Illumination: Insufficient lighting, light out
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*
105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.123*
105 CMR 451.130

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 98⁰F at handwash sink
Maintenance: Sink # 1-4 dirty
Maintenance: One light out
Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, sink # 4 leaking

Room # N307
105 CMR 451.353
105 CMR 451.340

Interior Maintenance: Light shield missing
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

<i>Maintenance Area</i>	
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
<i>Maintenance Office</i>	
	Unable to Inspect – Locked
<i>Maintenance Bathroom</i>	
	Unable to Inspect – Locked
<i>Chemical Room</i>	
105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Ceiling damaged
Main Bathroom	
<i>Toilets and Handwash Sinks</i>	
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
<i>Main Shower</i>	
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
<i>Slop Sink</i>	
	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
<i>Female Staff Bathroom</i>	
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling damaged
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall paint damaged
<i>Male Staff Bathroom</i>	
105 CMR 451.123*	Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged
105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Shower curtain damaged

Gym

105 CMR 451.353*
105 CMR 451.350*
105 CMR 451.200*

Interior Maintenance: Floor surface damaged
Structural Maintenance: Exterior doors not rodent and weathertight
Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, interior of microwave oven dirty
Protective Measures: Bird droppings observed
Illumination in Habitable Areas: Inadequate lighting, 3 lights out
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*
105 CMR 451.350*

Structural Maintenance: Exterior doors not rodent and weathertight
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 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 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 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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