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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; I conducted an inspection of the Essex County Correctional Alternative Center on October 24, 2018 accompanied by Sean Gallagher, Environmental Health and Safety Officer. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 68 repeat violations:

**HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

(\* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

**Main Building**

**Nurse's Office**

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|------------------------|--|
| 105 CMR 480.500(B)*    | Procedures; Records; Record-Keeping Log: Generator did not maintain a record-keeping log for waste sent off-site for treatment   |
| 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*

No Violations Noted

*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*

No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Director of Programing Office*

No Violations Noted

**South Side 1<sup>st</sup> Floor***Attorney Room*

No Violations Noted

*Work Release Waiting Area*

No Violations Noted

*Work Release Office*

No Violations Noted

*Bracelet Office*

No Violations Noted

*Records Office*

No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Ceiling tile damaged

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Window shade damaged

105 CMR 451.126\*

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 91<sup>0</sup>F

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water damaged

*Male Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Ceiling water damaged

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Radiator rusted

*Offices*

105 CMR 451.200

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

105 CMR 590.000, no functioning thermometer in refrigerator of Kitchen Deputy Office

105 CMR 451.200

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

105 CMR 590.000, refrigerator temperature recorded at 54<sup>0</sup>F in Kitchen Deputy Office

**Intake Area**

*Urine Lab*

No Violations Noted

*Shake Down Rooms*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Cobwebs on ceiling

**South Side 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

*Hallway*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S201*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S202*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S203*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged

105 CMR 451.141

Screens: Screen missing

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged

*Room # S204*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged

*Room # S205*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged

*Room # S206*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S207*

105 CMR 451.141\*

Screens: Screen missing

105 CMR 451.141

Screens: Screen damaged

*Room # S208*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged

*Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S209*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Heater rusted

*Room # S210*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S211*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling cracked

*Storage Room*

No Violations Noted

**South Side 3<sup>rd</sup> 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*

105 CMR 451.200

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

*Hallway*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S301*

105 CMR 451.141\*

Screens: Screens missing

*Room # S302*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Door damaged near door knob

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged

*Property Room*

No Violations Noted

<i>Room # S303</i> 105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Outlet faceplate missing
<i>Room # S304</i> 105 CMR 451.353*	Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged
<i>Room # S305</i> 105 CMR 451.353* 105 CMR 451.141 105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Door damaged Screens: Screen damaged Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged
<i>Inmate Bathroom</i>	Unable to Inspect – No Longer In Use
<b>North Side 1<sup>st</sup> Floor</b>	
<i>Dining Room</i> FC 6-501.11*	Maintenance and Operation; Repairing: Facility not in good repair, paint damaged on window sill near vending machines
FC 6-202.15(A)(2)*	Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Windows not weathertight and structurally sound, window broken
FC 4-602.12(B)	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils; Frequency: Interior of microwave oven dirty
<i>Ice Machine</i> FC 4-602.11(E)(4)(b)	Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Frequency: Interior surfaces of ice machine dirty
<i>Tray Room</i> 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
<i>Male Visitor's Bathroom</i> 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall vent dusty
<i>Female Visitor's Bathroom</i> 105 CMR 451.123	Maintenance: Wall vent dusty
<b><u>Kitchen</u></b>	
<b>Back Serving Area</b> FC 6-501.12(A)*	Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, rodent droppings observed
<i>3-Door Refrigerator</i> 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 50°F
<i>Serving/Prep Tables</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>Chemical Closet</i> FC 6-501.12(A)	Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, spilled chemicals

<i>Dry Storage Closet</i> FC 6-501.12(A)	Maintenance and Operation; Cleaning: Facility not cleaned properly, rodent droppings observed
<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

## **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
FC 4-501.11(A)	Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, wall fan louvers do not open
<i>Loading Dock</i> FC 6-202.15(A)(3)*	Design, Construction, and Installation; Functionality: Outer door not weather and vermin tight
<i>2-Compartment Sink (Left)</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>2-Compartment Sink (Center)</i>	No Violations Noted
<i>2-Compartment Sink (Right)</i>	No Violations Noted
<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> 105 CMR 451.353	Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored upside down

*Ice Machine*

No Violations Noted

**North Side 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

*Counselor's Office*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged

*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 451.123

Maintenance: Drain flies observed

*Hallway (Next to Barber Shop)*

105 CMR 451.141\*

Screens: Screen missing

*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

*Room # N201*

105 CMR 451.101

Blankets: Blanket damaged at bed # 2

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged

*Room # N202*

105 CMR 451.344\*

Illumination in Habitable Areas: Light not functioning properly, light out

*Room # N203*

No Violations Noted

*Room # N204*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall paint damaged

*Room # N205*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged

*Room # N206*

No Violations Noted

*Room # N207*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Outlet cover missing

*Room # N209*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Ceiling cracked

*Room # N210*

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

## **North Side 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**

### *Hallway*

No Violations Noted

### *Room # N301*

No Violations Noted

### *Room # N302*

No Violations Noted

### *Room # N303*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged above bed # 4

### *Room # N304*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged

### *Room # N305*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged

### *Room # N306*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged

### *Closet*

No Violations Noted

### *Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.126\*

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 83<sup>0</sup>F at handwash sink

105 CMR 451.117\*

Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty in stall # 1

105 CMR 451.117

Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty in stall # 2 and 3

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Sink # 1-4 dirty

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: One light out

### *Room # N307*

105 CMR 451.103

Mattresses: Mattress damaged at bed # 3

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged

### *Room # N308*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged

105 CMR 451.141\*

Screens: Screen missing

## **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

*Maintenance Office*

105 CMR 451.200\*

Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, no functional thermometer in refrigerator

105 CMR 451.350\*

Structural Maintenance: Ceiling damaged outside of maintenance office

*Maintenance Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*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 # 3, 8, and 9

105 CMR 451.117

Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty in stall # 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 7

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Sink # 3 and 4 loose

105 CMR 451.130

Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, sink # 9 clogged

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling vent dusty

*Main Shower*

105 CMR 451.121(A)\*

Privacy: No privacy partition between showers

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Drain flies observed

*Slop Sink*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling tiles moldy above slop sink

**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

*Female Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Ceiling paint damaged

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling damaged

*Male Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling paint 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

**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*

No Violations Noted

**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 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged

*Office Area*

No Violations Noted

**Living Area**

Unable to Inspect – Not in Use

**Annex Building**

**First Floor**

*Dorm # 1*

105 CMR 451.353\*

Interior Maintenance: Light shield damaged

105 CMR 451.102

Pillows and Linens: Pillow damaged at bed # 21

*Dorm # 2*

No Violations Noted

*Visiting Room*

105 CMR 451.200

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

*Handicapped Bathroom w/Shower*

No Violations Noted

**Second Floor**

*Resource Room*

No Violations Noted

*Dorm # 4*

105 CMR 451.103

Mattresses: Mattress damaged at bed # 3

*Office*

No Violations Noted

**Basement**

*NETTP*

No Violations Noted

*Library/GED Room*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water stained

*Inmate Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Sink # 1 and 7 dirty

105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Sink # 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6 dirty

105 CMR 451.117

Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixtures dirty in stall # 1-5

105 CMR 451.126

Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 91<sup>0</sup>F at handwash sink

*Slop Sink*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Slop sink moldy

*Inmate Shower Room*

105 CMR 451.121(A)\*

Privacy: No privacy partition between showers

105 CMR 451.123\*

Maintenance: Floor dirty

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 203 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.

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 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 "Regulations" click "2013 Food Code Merged with 105 CMR 590 and 2013 Food Code"

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 Processing". Then under "Regulations" 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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