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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 September 2, 2022 accompanied by

Director of Operations, Sean Gallagher. 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,

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**

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*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

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

105 CMR 451.200 Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with

105 CMR 590.000, no functioning thermometer in refrigerator

105 CMR 451.126 Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 80℉ 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*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*Bracelet Office*

No Violations Noted

*Records Office*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged

*Reintegration Office*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*Temporary Property Storage*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*Female Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Male Staff Bathroom*

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

*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 79℉ 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*

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*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S304*

No Violations Noted

*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 79℉ at handwash sink

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: One light out

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

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Handwash sink dirty

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Sink basin not secured to countertop

**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

*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

FC 3-305.11(A)(2) Preventing Contamination from Premises: Ice build-up observed on food packaging

*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*

FC 4-602.11(E)(4)(b) Cleaning of Equipment and Utensils, Frequency: Debris observed on interior surfaces of ice machine

**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 # 3, 4, and 5

105 CMR 451.117 Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixture dirty in stall # 2

*Hallway (Next to Barber Shop)*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room (Next to Barber Shop)*

No Violations Noted

*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*

No Violations Noted

*Room # N210 (Left)*

Unable to Inspect – Not Used

*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*

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*

105 CMR 451.200 Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food preparation not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, toaster oven dirty

*Maintenance Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Chemical Room*

No Violations Noted

**Main Bathroom**

*Toilets and Handwash Sinks*

No Violations Noted

*Main Shower*

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

*Slop Sink*

No Violations Noted

**Print Shop (off of Gym)**

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

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*

Unable to Inspect – In Use

*Male Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Trash container overflowing

**Gym**

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

105 CMR 451.350 Structural Maintenance: Door # 3 not rodent and weathertight

**Barbershop (off of Gym)**

Unable to Inspect – Under Construction

**Hallway**

No Violations Noted

*Male Bathroom # 105*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Toilet paper holder broken

*Female Bathroom # 106*

No Violations Noted

*Offices*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

**Janitorial Closet**

105 CMR 451.360 Protective Measures: Drain flies observed

**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*

No Violations Noted

*Office Area*

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

**Living Area (Unoccupied)**

Unable to Inspect – Closed

**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*

105 CMR 451.117 Toilet Fixtures: Toilet fixture dirty

**Second Floor**

*Resource Room*

No Violations Noted

*Dorm # 4*

No Violations Noted

*Office*

No Violations Noted

**Basement**

*C-Tech Classroom*

No Violations Noted

*Library/GED Room*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*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*

No Violations Noted

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 91 at the time of inspection.
2. At the time of inspection, the warewash machine was placed out-of-order and a service call was placed. As an interim measure, the kitchen staff agreed to use manual methods of warewashing to properly wash, rinse, and sanitize all food contact equipment and utensils.

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