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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: Minimum Requirements for the Management of 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 September 7, 2023 accompanied by Sean Gallagher, Director of Operations and Lieutenant Joe DiPietro. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 8 repeat violations.

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

 Sincerely,

 Amy Riordan, MPH

 Field Supervisor, CSP, BCEH

cc: Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD, 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*

 No Violations Noted

*Nurse’s Bathroom*

 No Violations Noted

**Lobby**

 No Violations Noted

*Control Room*

105 CMR 451.200 Food Storage, Preparation and Service: Food storage not in compliance with 105 CMR 590.000, no functioning thermometer in refrigerator

*Shift Commander’s Office*

 No Violations Noted

*Bathroom (near Shift Commander Office)*

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

*Hallway (Attorney Rooms)*

 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 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 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 - Under Construction

*Records Office*

 No Violations Noted

*Reintegration Office*

 No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water damaged

*Male Staff Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling tiles water damaged

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Heater rusted

*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*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*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 78℉ at handwash sink

*Room # S209*

 No Violations Noted

*Room # S210*

No Violations Noted

*Room # S211*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Light shield cracked

*Storage Room*

 No Violations Noted

**South Side 3rd Floor**

*Hallway*

 No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom*

 No Violations Noted

*Storage Closet*

 No Violations Noted

*Lieutenant’s Office*

 No Violations Noted

*Investigator’s Office*

 Locked – Unable to Inspect

*Room # S301*

 No Violations Noted

*Room # S302*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen missing

*Property Room*

 No Violations Noted

*Room # S303*

 No Violations Noted

*Room # S304*

 No Violations Noted

*Room # S305*

 No Violations Noted

*Hallway (outside Room #S305)*

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged

*Inmate Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.126\* Hot Water: Hot water temperature recorded at 90℉ at handwash sink

105 CMR 451.141 Screens: Screen damaged

**North Side 1st Floor**

*Dining Room*

 No Violations Noted

*Ice Machine*

 No Violations Noted

*Tray Room*

FC 4-501.112(A)(2) Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Inadequate water temperature in the mechanical warewashing machinePf

*Male Visitor’s Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling

*Female Visitor’s Bathroom*

 No Violations Noted

**KITCHEN**

**Serving Area**

 No Violations Noted

*Refrigerators*

 No Violations Noted

*Serving/Prep Tables*

 No Violations Noted

*Office*

 No Violations Noted

*Dry Storage Closet*

FC 4-501.11(A) Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, wall fan dusty

*Chemical Closet*

 No Violations Noted

**Main Area**

*Walk-in Refrigerator and Freezer (same unit)*

 No Violations Noted

*Office*

 No Violations Noted

*Prep Tables*

 No Violations Noted

*Loading Dock*

 No Violations Noted

*2-Compartment Sink (Left)*

FC 4-501.114 Maintenance and Operation; Equipment: Quaternary ammonium compound (QAC) solution tested lower than recommended concentration

*2-Compartment Sink (Center)*

FC 4-501.11(A) Maintenance and Operation, Equipment: Equipment not maintained in a state of good repair, wall fan dusty

*2-Compartment Sink (Right)*

 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*

 Unable to Inspect – In Use

*Inmate Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.123\* Maintenance: Sink basin not secured to countertop at handwash sink # 4 and 5

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Wall tiles damaged

105 CMR 451.123 Maintenance: Toilets dirty

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, sink # 5 leaking

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, sink # 1 faucet loose

*Hallway (Next to Barber Shop)*

 No Violations Noted

*Storage Room (Next to Barber Shop)*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

*Barber Shop*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle

*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*

105 CMR 451.353\* Interior Maintenance: Wall damaged near light switch

*Room # N210 (Left)*

 No Violations Noted

*Room # N210 (Right)*

 No Violations Noted

**North Side 3rd Floor (Unoccupied)**

Unable to Inspect – Locked

**BASEMENT**

*Laundry*

 No Violations Noted

*Tunnel near Laundry*

 No Violations Noted

**Maintenance Cage**

*Maintenance Storage*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

*Maintenance Area*

 No Violations Noted

*Maintenance Office*

 No Violations Noted

*Maintenance Bathroom*

 No Violations Noted

*Chemical Room*

No Violations Noted

**Main Bathroom**

*Toilets and Handwash Sinks*

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

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair shower # 1, 6, 7, and 12 leaking

105 CMR 451.130 Plumbing: Plumbing not maintained in good repair, shower # 15, low pressure

*Main Shower*

Unable to Inspect – In Use

*Slop Sink*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Area dirty

**Print Shop (off of Gym)**

105 CMR 451.350\* Structural Maintenance: Ceiling tiles damaged in hallway near exit door

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling tiles moldy near office

*Toilets and Handwash Sinks*

Unable to Inspect – Not Used

**Officer’s Weight Room**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle

*Female Staff Bathroom*

 No Violations Noted

*Male Staff Bathroom*

 No Violations Noted

**Gym**

 No Violations Noted

**Barbershop (off of Gym)**

Unable to Inspect – Closed

**Hallway**

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Ceiling paint peeling

*Male Bathroom # 105*

 No Violations Noted

*Female Bathroom # 106*

 No Violations Noted

*Offices*

Unable to Inspect – Locked

**Janitorial Closet**

 No Violations Noted

**Garage**

 No Violations Noted

**Anti-Graffiti Garage**

 No Violations Noted

**BACK BUILDING**

*Classroom*

 No Violations Noted

*Office Area*

 No Violations Noted

*Living Area (Unoccupied)*

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

**ANNEX (Unoccupied)**

**First Floor**

*Dorm # 1*

 No Violations Noted

*Library (Old Dorm # 2)*

 No Violations Noted

*Visiting Room/Auditorium*

 No Violations Noted

*Bathroom*

105 CMR 451.110(B) Hygiene Supplies at Toilet and Handwash Sink: No waste receptacle at handwash sink

*Handicapped Bathroom w/ Shower*

 No Violations Noted

**Second Floor**

*Resource Room # 3*

 No Violations Noted

*Dorm # 4*

No Violations Noted

*Office*

 No Violations Noted

**Basement**

*C-Tech Classroom*

 No Violations Noted

*Old Library/GED Room*

 No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom*

 No Violations Noted

*Inmate Shower Room*

 No Violations Noted

*Slop Sink*

 No Violations Noted

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 97 at the time of 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,

 Amy Riordan, MPH Field Supervisor, CSP, BCEH

