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September 8, 2023

Kevin F. Coppinger, Sheriff  
Essex County Sheriff's Department Headquarters  
20 Manning Avenue  
Middleton, MA 01929 (electronic copy)

Re: Facility Inspection – Essex County Women in Transition, Salisbury

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 Women in Transition on August 31, 2023 accompanied by Deputy Superintendent Jennifer Murphy. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below including 3 repeat violations:

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

Sincerely,

Sara Wolanski  
Environmental Health Inspector, CSP, BCEH

- cc: Robert Goldstein, MD, PhD, Commissioner, DPH
- Nalina Narain, Director, BCEH
- Steven Hughes, Director, CSP, BCEH
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- Carol A. Mici, Commissioner, DOC (electronic copy)
- Terrence Reidy, Secretary, EOPSS (electronic copy)
- Timothy Gotovich, Director, Policy Development and Compliance Unit (electronic copy)
- Heidi Mora, Superintendent (electronic copy)
- Lieutenant Rob Raymond, Environmental Health and Safety Officer (electronic copy)
- John Morris, CHO, Director, Salisbury Health Department (electronic copy)
- Clerk, Massachusetts House of Representatives (electronic copy)
- Clerk, Massachusetts Senate (electronic copy)

**HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

(\* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports)

*Hallway*

No Violations Noted

*Control Office (# 2)*

105 CMR 451.200

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

*Program Coordinator's Office (# 3)*

No Violations Noted

*Deputy Superintendent's Office (# 4)*

No Violations Noted

*Laundry/Therapy Room (# 5)*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Items in donation closet stored within 18 inches of ceiling

*Staff Bathroom (# 6)*

No Violations Noted

*Copy/Storage Room (# 7)*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Unlabeled chemical bottle

*Hot Water Heater Room (# 8)*

No Violations Noted

*HSU (# 9)*

No Violations Noted

*Communication Closet (# 10)*

No Violations Noted

*Visitor's Bathroom (# 12)*

No Violations Noted

**Dorm Rooms**

105 CMR 451.322\*

Cell Size: Inadequate floor space in all dorm rooms

*Dorm Room (# 11)*

No Violations Noted

*Dorm Room (# 13)*

No Violations Noted

*Dorm Room (# 14)*

No Violations Noted

*Dorm Room (# 15)*

105 CMR 451.353

Interior Maintenance: Wall paint peeling by light switch

*Dorm Room (# 16)*  
105 CMR 451.123\*  
105 CMR 451.353

Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged in bathroom  
Interior Maintenance: Floor tiles damaged in bedroom

*Dorm Room (# 17)*

No Violations Noted

*Shower Room (# 18)*  
105 CMR 451.123  
105 CMR 451.123

Maintenance: Ceiling vents dusty in bathroom  
Maintenance: Hole in wall around shower head in shower # 1

**Kitchen (# 19)**

The following Food Code violations listed in **BOLD** were observed to be corrected on-site.

*Handwash Sink*

No Violations Noted

*3 Compartment Sink*  
FC 4-501.114(C)(2)\*

Maintenance and Operation; Equipment: Quaternary ammonium compound (QAC) solution lower than the manufacturers recommended concentration

**Community and Dining Room (# 20)**

Unable to Inspect – In Use

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 13 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,

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