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April 8, 2021

Nicholas Cocchi, Sheriff

Western MA Women’s Correctional Center

701 Center Street

Chicopee, MA 01013 (electronic copy)

Re: Facility Inspection - Western MA Women’s Correctional Center, Chicopee

Dear Sheriff Cocchi:

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 Western MA Women’s Correctional Center on April 7, 2021 accompanied by

Sergeant Faith Menard, Standards and Training Coordinator; Tina Mole, Standards and Training Coordinator;

and Matthew Roman, Assistant Deputy Superintendent. Violations noted during the inspection are listed below.

There were no repeat violations.

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

Sincerely,



Scott Koczela

Environmental Analyst, CSP, BEH

cc: Monica Bharel, MD, MPH, Commissioner, DPH

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**HEALTH AND SAFETY VIOLATIONS**

(*\* indicates conditions documented on previous inspection reports*)

**LOBBY**

*Male Bathroom # AA-112*

No Violations Noted

*Female Bathroom # AA-113*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet # AA-114*

No Violations Noted

*Female Locker Room # AA-119*

No Violations Noted

*Male Locker Room # AA-118*

No Violations Noted

**ADMINISTRATION AREA**

*Break Room # AA-147*

No Violations Noted

*Female Staff Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Male Staff Bathroom*

Unable to Inspect – In Use

*Officer’s Cubicles*

No Violations Noted

**CENTRAL CONTROL**

No Violations Noted

*Bathroom*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet # AA-215*

No Violations Noted

*Training/Muster Room # AA-214*

No Violations Noted

**VISITING AREA**

No Violations Noted

*Bathroom # AA-267*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet # AA-252*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom # AA-255*

No Violations Noted

*Storage # AA-258*

No Violations Noted

*Kitchenette # AA-261*

No Violations Noted

**LAUNDRY**

No Violations Noted

**SUPPPORT SERVICES**

*Central Storage*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom # AA-127*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet # AA-128*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # AA-129*

No Violations Noted

*Break Room # AA-131*

No Violations Noted

*Maintenance Shop*

No Violations Noted

**Security Management**

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # AA-227*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet # AA-218*

No Violations Noted

**KITCHEN**

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

*Supervisor’s Office*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # AB-224*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom # AB-223*

No Violations Noted

*Secured Storage*

No Violations Noted

*Handwash Sink # 1*

No Violations Noted

*Dry Storage*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet # AB-220*

No Violations Noted

*Freezer*

No Violations Noted

*Meat Refrigerator*

No Violations Noted

*Dairy/Produce Refrigerator*

No Violations Noted

*3-Compartment Sink*

No Violations Noted

*Handwash Sink # 2*

No Violations Noted

*Ice Machine*

No Violations Noted

*Dishwashing Machine*

No Violations Noted

*Handwash Sink # 3 (near Serving Line)*

No Violations Noted

*Traulsen Cooler*

No Violations Noted

*Food Preparation Area (near Hoods)*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Dining Area*

No Violations Noted

*Receiving Dock # AB-212*

No Violations Noted

*Waste Hold Room # AB-211*

No Violations Noted

*Dumpster Area*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # AB-209 (in Hallway)*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # AB-210 (in Hallway)*

Unable to Inspect – In Use

**Culinary Kitchen**

No Violations Noted

*Secured Food Storage (located outside Culinary Kitchen)*

**FC 3-304.12(A) Preventing Contamination from Utensils: Service utensil handle stored below the food and container line, scoop stored in flour bin**

*Serving Line*

No Violations Noted

*Dishwashing Machine*

No Violations Noted

*Handwash Sink*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Dining Area*

No Violations Noted

**MEDICAL**

*Medical Storage # AA-321*

No Violations Noted

*Dental Operations # AA-325*

No Violations Noted

*Dental Lab # AA-326*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom # AA-332*

No Violations Noted

*Lab # AA-333*

No Violations Noted

*Optometry Office # AA-334*

No Violations Noted

*Tub/Pumping Room # AA-335*

No Violations Noted

*OB/GYN Office # AA-336*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet # AA-337*

No Violations Noted

*Vaccine Room # AA-338*

No Violations Noted

*Clinical Treatment Room # AA-339*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # AA-348*

No Violations Noted

*Medical Break Room # AA-349*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # AA-350*

No Violations Noted

*Exam Rooms # 342/343*

No Violations Noted

*Medical Waste Room # AA-341*

No Violations Noted

*Dental Room # AA-345*

No Violations Noted

**VOCATIONAL AREA**

*Prison Industries # AB-356*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom # AB-349*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # AB-350*

No Violations Noted

*Computer Lab # AB-351*

No Violations Noted

Beauty Salon # AB-353

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room # AB-354 (located within Beauty Salon # AB-353)*

No Violations Noted

**PROGRAMS**

*Classroom # AA-306-A*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom # AA-309 (located within Classroom # AA-308)*

Unable to Inspect – In Use

*Storage Room # AA-311*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom # AA-320*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet # AA-321*

No Violations Noted

*Library # AA-323*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room # AA-325*

No Violations Noted

*Multi-Purpose Room # AB-330*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room # AB-331 (located within Multi-Purpose Room # AB-330)*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room # AB-339*

No Violations Noted

*Classrooms*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # AA-340*

No Violations Noted

*Break Room # AA-341*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room # AA-342*

No Violations Noted

*Fitness Room # AA-316*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom # AA-317 (located within Fitness Room # AA-316)*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Closet # AA-318 (located within Fitness Room # AA-316)*

No Violations Noted

**HOUSING**

**Minimum A**

*Showers # HMA-116*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Bathroom # HMA-117*

No Violations Noted

*Laundry Room # HMA-119*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # HMA-120*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet # HMA-124*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Handicapped Bathroom # HMA-125*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

**Minimum B**

*Recreation Deck*

No Violations Noted

*Day Room*

No Violations Noted

*Showers # HMA-216*

105 CMR 451.130 Hot Water: Shower water temperature recorded at 1200F in shower # 1

*Inmate Bathroom # HMA-217*

No Violations Noted

*Laundry # HMA-219*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # HMA-220*

No Violations Noted

*Office # HMA-222*

No Violations Noted

*Storage Room # HMA-223*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet # HMA-224*

No Violations Noted

*Inmate Handicapped Bathroom # HMA-225*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

**Unit 3 Administration**

*Inmate Bathroom # HS-103*

No Violations Noted

*Janitor’s Closet # HS-107*

No Violations Noted

*Triage # HS-109*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # HS-110*

No Violations Noted

*Break Room # HS-119*

No Violations Noted

**Unit 3B**

*Janitor’s Closet # HSB-103*

105 CMR 451.353 Interior Maintenance: Wet mop stored in bucket

*Sub-Day Room # HSB-105*

No Violations Noted

*Staff Bathroom # HSB-113*

No Violations Noted

*Laundry # HSB-104*

No Violations Noted

*Day Area*

No Violations Noted

*Lower Showers*

No Violations Noted

*Upper Showers*

No Violations Noted

*Upper Storage # HSB-202*

No Violations Noted

*Cells*

No Violations Noted

*Recreation Deck*

No Violations Noted

**Observations and Recommendations**

1. The inmate population was 82 at the time of inspection.
2. At the time of the inspection, the medical waste shipping log was provided to CSP staff for review during the

pre-inspection meeting.

1. Hot water temperature range for handwash sinks is 1100F to 1300F.
2. Hot water temperature range for showers is 1000F to 1120F.
3. During the COVID-19 pandemic, there have been several changes made to the conduct of inspections for the CSP. One of the changes made includes reducing the amount of time CSP inspectors spend at one facility during an inspection. During the most recent inspection of your facility, the CSP conducted an abbreviated inspection of your facility focusing on those areas that have historically shown up on past reports, as well as areas of high concern for health and safety. The focused inspection was conducted in an effort to reduce COVID-19 exposure to facility staff, inmates, and CSP inspectors, and because of this, the inspection report is significantly shortened. We hope to return to standard inspectional procedures soon.

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,



Scott Koczela Environmental Analyst, CSP, BEH